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THE LIFE And Unaccountable ACTIONS OF *William Fuller*,

Alias Esq; *Fuller*, *alias* Colonel, *alias* Sir *William*, *alias William* Baron *Fuller*,

The Notorious English Cheat.

Giving a true and exact Account of his Birth, Education, and all his Villanies, from his first coming to *London*, in the Year 1686. to this Time: Where his unparrellel'd Rogueries are discover'd, and how he impos'd not only on particular Persons, but on both Houses of Parliament; and was voted by them *an incorrigible* Rogue *and* Impostor.

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THE PREFACE.

THE *infamous Perſon who is the Subject of the following Sheets, being ſuch a wonderful Progedy of Impudence and Villainy! We are oblig'd to aſſure the Reader, that tho' the Rogueries we have diſcover'd are ſo many, and ſo very enormous, that it may ſeem improbable, and almoſt impoſſible, for any one* Villain *to perform; yet we have related nothing but what he really tranſacted.*

What-

What we have set down we ha
(chiefly) from Persons impos'd on
and tho' the Relator has been lon
Personally acquainted with thi
grand Impostor; *yet he (as Vil*
lains are oblig'd to do) kept hi
Actions so close, that it took u
some Years to collect the followin
Pages: Which we doubt not wi
make amends for our Trouble i
being acceptable to the Reader.

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Spelt are from *Fuller's* Originals, th
others being only Copies from his
we have printed them as they ough
to be writ.

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THE LIFE OF *William Fuller*, &c.

TO begin with the Birth of him, who is the unparrellel'd Subject of the following Sheets; he was the Son *Richard Fuller* of *Milton*, near *Sittingburne* in *Kent*, by Occupation a Butcher. His Father (now many Years ago deceas'd) had the Misfor-

tune to break, and died a Priſoner i
the *King's-Bench*, his Calamities be
ing in a great Meaſure imputed to hi
Wife (our Sharpers Mother, Daugh
ter of one *Sandy's* an ordinary Far
mer) who was too gay a Dame for
Butchers Wife.

The Son under theſe Circumſtan
ces, thro' the Fathers Deceaſe and hi
Mothers ſecond Marriage, being lef
in a manner Friendleſs, was boun
Prentice to Mr. *James Hartley* Citize
and *Skinner* of *London*, who followe
the Trade of *Coney-wool-cutting* i
Shoe-lane, on the 4th of *Jan.* 1686.

His Introduction to his Maſter w
by *Cornelius Harfleet* Gentleman, wh
was a Perſon very intimate all alon
and ſome Years before our youn
Coney-wool-cutter was born, with bo
his Father and Mother.

He had not been a Year and Ha
in his Apprenticeſhip before his Mo
ther died; now it happen'd that h
Mother, poſſibly not altogether ſo
bedient a Wife as her ſecond Hu
band expected, had therefore no
and then receiv'd a little corpo

Correcti

orrection from his hard Hand, and metimes from his harder Foot; ore particularly a little before her eath ſhe had been diſciplin'd by a udgel or ſome ſuch Family Inſtru- ent. The Son therefore on the News his Mother's Death, and remem- ing the Caſtigation ſhe had often ceiv'd from his Father in Law, de- es his Maſters Leave to go down o *Kent* to inquire into the Death of s Mother, alledging that the Blow e had receiv'd from her Husband d been the Cauſe of her Death; d he deſign'd this Journey only to oſecute his Father in Law for her urther.

The Confidence he expreſs'd made s Maſter eaſily comply. And our oungſter reſolving to bring his Evi- nce Hand in betimes, moves to *ent*, and makes bold to ſay ſome rd Words to his Father, in Rela- n to his Mother; which the Fa- er as an honeſt Man was very able Anſwer, having done nothing but hat he could juſtify, his Correction his undutiful Wife being no more

than she was able to bear, and les
than she deserv'd. The Son to do him
Justice, was not so over zealous for
his Mother's Death, as designing to
fright Daddy out of a Sum of Money
to tie up his Tongue, and all the
loud Clamour and Proofs he threat-
n'd, really design'd more Vengeance
againſt his Purse than his Life. But
alas; he found his Project in vain
for the honest Yeoman being hardy
enough to stand out the Storm
his whole Expectation was defeated.

Returning home to his Master
with much ado he continued with him
till the 10th of *June* 1688. the Day
of the Birth of the pretended Prince
of *Wales*, but whether over transport-
ted with the Joys of that mighty Fe-
stival, or too much elevated with
Bonefire making, to bring his Hand
back to any poorer mechanick Drud-
gery, he took Occasion to walk off
or as some call it run away from his
Master.

Thus scamper'd; our young *Coney-
skin-cutter* could not be heard of by
his Master, till he found him a Pag-

o the Right Honourable, in those Days Right Mighty Earl of *Meltford*. And to qualify him for that Post, he had taken the then fashionable Test, viz. turn'd *Romish* Convert. With his Noble Peer he continued till the Days of *Abdication*, when the great ones taking Wing he was left behind, and his Money being spent, and his fine Livery gone, he bethought himself in this Extremity to Foot it down to his Fathers. But his Reception there prov'd not as he could wish, tho' his Father had forgot the last rough Treatment, yet having made a second Venture and married again; the new Mother by Reason his being *Papist*, wou'd not admit him to come to the House. The Son to remove all Obstacles of that Kind, was ready immediately for Recantation, Renunciation, Abjuration, and what not, but the Mother would give no Credit to his Reconversion, would allow no home for him there, not so much as a Cock-loft to roost in.

His Pride being lower'd under these Circumstances, he concludes to

return to his Master, therefore t
smooth his way (for his Affairs stoo
not right there) he wrote a very piti
ful Letter, imploring him to receiv
him again, making great Protesta
tions of Amendment, who at last b
the Mediation of Mr. *Harfleet*, he con
sented. The Wanderer being re-
turn'd, Mr. *Harfleet* promis'd largel
for his Amendment, but as large a
the Promises were on both Sides
and as humble and dutiful a Servan
as he intended to be, in a short Time
he grew a perfect Reprobate. H
had not kept home this last Time a
bove three Months, when about *Mi-
chaelmas* 1689. Mr. *Harfleet* came t
borrow him of his Master for three o
four Days Service, to Major *Kidge*
(afterwards as well as *Fuller* a Witnes
againſt Mr. *Crone*) his Master com
ply'd, but Mr. *Harfleet* took no Car
to have him paid again: For his Ma
ster never saw him in six or eight
Months after, when threatning to
prosecute Mr. *Harfleet*, he gave him
the Satisfaction of showing him hi
Man again about *April* 1690. at *Jo*
Coffee-

Coffee-House in *Salisbury-Court*, in a rich Coat and all Accoutrements answerable, two Footmen at his Heels, and the Secretary's Protection in his Pocket; and in fine, much too great for a *Coney-wool-cutter* to grapple with.

In this six Months past he had been in *France* as we suppose, and it was there that he pick'd up his Plot, the Vengeance of which fell first on Mr. *Crone*, when the *Senior* Mr. *Harfleet*, and the *Junior William Fuller*, with Major *Kidgwell*, were the Testimony against him.

In this Advancement he made a great Bluster about Town, and soon after pass'd for a Major of a Regiment, particularly to one Dr. *P——n* a Physician in *Kent*, and formerly his Acquaintance, upon an accidental meeting between them, with a magisterial Behaviour, *Fuller* talk'd of his prodigious Interest at Court, and if the Doctor pleas'd to accept of it, he cou'd procure him to be the Queens Physician. The Doctor gave very little Credit to his Mountain

Promiſes, the Major ſaying his Affairs called him ſoon to his Command in *Ireland*, he call'd for Pen, Ink, and Paper, and left this Direction for the Doctor to write to him, viz. *Direct your Letter for the Honourable Major* William Fuller, *in the Right Honourable the Lord* Sidney's *Regiment*. This Direction the Doctor has often ſhow'd in Company under *Fuller's* own Hand.

This Summer he took a Ramble to *Ireland*, and when he return'd, liv'd about Town in a pretty ſplendid Equipage; for he had not only ſo many fair Words at Pleaſure, but likewiſe that innocent Face, that it was hard to ſuſpect him a Counterfeit. Here by his Wheadles he run into ſeveral Tradeſmens and others Debts; for his Reſolution was to live apace. For Inſtance, he got 50 *l.* in Debt to a Mercer in *Covent-Garden*. From a Paſtry-Cooks near St. *James's*, pretending himſelf a perſecuted Romaniſts, with Shams and Stories, in Money and otherwiſe, he hook'd out 80 *l.*

He

He next put a neat Sham upon one Colonel C—— an old Cavalier, and Royal Officer to King *Charles* I. living not far from *Westminster-Abby*. Spying a Bill on that Gentlemans Door, he comes thither one Day in a Chair attended by his Man, where desiring to speak with Madam C—— the Landlady of the House, and pretending himself a Country Gentleman newly come to *London*, and that he had brought his Sister up with him to see the Town, he wanted a Lodging for her, and none cou'd please him like her House, for he understood 'twas a sober Family, and 'twou'd be a great Happiness to his Sister to have the Conversation of the two young Ladies Madam C——'s Daughters, and truly on that Consideration he would give her any Content, and not stand with her for Price. Upon this they strike up a Bargain, and in two Days he brings his Sister in her Country Attire. When she had been there a while, he desired she might go to the Dancing School along with the two young Ladies,

Ladies, being very desirous to have her take her Education in all Things from two such fair Examples; but first he so far insinuates with the good Colonel and his Lady, as to buy for his Sister such new Cloths and other Necessaries, as might dress her up a suitable Companion to two such genteel young Ladies, promising to repay all very speedily with Gratification, &c. The kind perswaded old Lady accordingly takes her out, and new Rigs her from Top to Bottom, gives her all the breeding of her own Daughters, supplies her with every Thing, a good Table, fair Lodgings, and what not. This continued above half a Year without one penny Payment from the Country Gentleman the Brother; tho' continual fair Words and Promises were never wanting, and several very extravagant Letters came on that Occasion. Some whereof are as follows.

The First Letter.

Madam,

March 7, 1691.

"I Am almoſt half diſtracted, that "I have been thus forc'd to diſ-"appoint you; which I am heartily "aſham'd of: My Banker, to whom "I committed the Care of receiving "two hundred Ponnds on *Tueſday* "laſt, I fear is gone off: I have "been every Day this Week to meet "him, but can never find him with-"in. He ſent me Word he would "be with me this Morning, but is "not come, nor is he at his own "Houſe, which grieves me much: "for I have not only diſappointed "you, but others; but I am reſolv'd "if poſſible to find him, but whe-"ther I do or not, at the beginning "of next Week I ſhall receive 200 *l.* "more, and then you ſhall com-"mand what you pleaſe of me, and "now if your Neceſſities are great, "I am contented to pawn ſome "Things for you, for I proteſt I have

"nor

" not by me 20 *l.* by Reaſon I thought
" my Money ſafe in that Fellows
" Hands; but if it is not much to
" your Prejudice, I ſhall bear my
" Loſs the more contented, for I am
" aſham'd to ſee you till I bring you
" your Money.

Your humble Servant,

William Fuller.

This Letter tho' dated 91, was *March* 92, but you have it as he penn'd it.

The Second Letter.

Madam,

Monday, March 30, 169[illegible]

" THE great Obligations you
" have laid upon me by your
" Care of my dear Sifter, and your
" Kindneſs to my ſelf in this time
" of Want, juſtly compels me to
" acknowledge the Favour; and
" tho' it is ſo great, I will ſhortly
" if poſſible, find out ſome Way
" partly to requite it, neither will
" ceaſe

" ceaſe there, but always whilſt I
" live. will ſtudy to be grateful to
" you. The Queen has this Morn-
" ing paſs'd an Order for all my Mo-
" neys to be paid me, and to Mor-
" row Morning I hope it will paſs
" the Great Seal: The Sum is about
" 2000 *l.* which I am certain of in
" a few Days. I am juſt now going
" by her Majeſty's Command to a
" grand Conſultation of Chief Offi-
" cers, ſo that I cannot poſſibly wait
" on you, but will on the firſt Op-
" portunity, and will not fail ſhortly
" to oblige you with what Money
" you deſire. My humble Service to
" all,

I am

Madam Yours,

William Fuller.

This Second Letter we muſt make ne farther Remark on. When our reat Courtier was ſolliciting for the Broad-Seal for 2000 *l.* due from the Queen,

Queen. that very Day, *March* 30, 9
he was in a Spunging-House a Pri
soner for Debt, in an Action charg
39 *l.* 17 *s.* and another of 20 *l.* fro
whence, the first of *April* following
he was by *Habeas Corpus* remov'd t
the *King's-Bench*, but his Credit bein
not yet quite crack'd, he got Ba
soon after.

The Third Letter.

Madam,

May 5, 169

" I Hope once more of your wont
" ed Goodness, you will pardo
" me for not waiting on you sinc
" Yesterday I cou'd by no means ge
" an Opportunity of speaking to th
" Queen, by reason her Majest
" went to Visit the Countess o
" *Suffolk*; I am now going to wa
" for an Opportunity, but some
" thing unfit, by Reason I had th
" Misfortune Yesterday to rench m
" Foot: If I do not succeed this Da
" to morrow by God's leave I wi
" go to the Archbishop of *Canter*
" ry

ry's: Nor will I miss of any Occasion to forward my Business, that may make both you, and my self, and my Sister happy.

Who am Madam,

Your ever obliged,

and faithful Servant

William Fuller.

To return to our gay boarding Sister, proves that cheating and imposture may run in a Blood. This young Country Damsel, with the same taint in her Veins a tang of her Brothers Pride, held her false Countenance with no less Assurance than his own hardned Front; and could pass for a Country Lady, eat, drink, and sleep, with Women of Quality, in her false Trippings of Honour.

To proceed; the Colonel and his confiding Lady, not only lodg'd, fed and rigg'd this Lady Errant, but school'd, pamper'd, and danc'd her too,

too, and all to the Tune of Patienc
Our young All-plot talk'd all, b
did nothing, banter'd and ſhuffle
ſo beyond all human Sufferance, th
Goodneſs it ſelf can bear no more
at length they came to this reſult t
attack the gay rigging in their ow
Hands, and forgiving her boar
ing, lodging, ſchooling and dancin
they fairly turn'd out the poor Spi
ſter in the Country Weeds ſhe ca
in, to find out a new lodging at
Landlords and Landladies as kind
they had been.

And our Sharper had a check to h
career on the 5th of *June*, he w
ſnapt and committed once more
the *King*'s-*Bench*.

Being a little faſter noos'd in th
ſecond Stone Doubler than befor
he was ſoon loaded with three or fo
hundred Pound Actions, and to
well known to be bail'd: Howeve
to keep up his Port and Characte
he ſtill carries the Title of Colone
and Grandee like, keeps a Man
wait on him in Priſon.

On

One comical Paſſage during his Confinement is worth the Readers hearing. It happened one Major *Colingwood*, ſometime a Brigadier of the Guards, was then his Fellow Collegiate; with whom contracting an Acquaintance, and having one *Sunday* invited the Major to Dinner, after a good Treat, and the Bottle going briskly round (for our Colonel drv'd nobly) the Major among other that ask'd him very frankly how ſo young a Man as he (being then not above 22.) came to be made a Colonel: Our young Commander immediately reply'd, *For his Service at the Boyne*: And thereupon makes a moſt heroick Relation of Exploits he perform'd there as a Volunteer, told him King *William* took particular Notice of him, and in the very Heat of the Battle clapping him on the Shoulder, *Well* Fuller (ſaid the King) *thou art the braveſt young Lad in all my Army*, and immediately on the Spot gave him a Colonels Commiſſion. The Brigadier who was prepar'd to ſwallow the Jeſt, made Anſwer, that no

Honour

Honour cou'd be ſo great as wh
was gotten in the Field, and truly h
much wonder'd the King did n
dub him a Knight, *But pray no*
Colonel (continued the Major) w
you a Colonel of Horſe or Foot? O
young Field Officer having not h
Memory about him cou'd not re
dily anſwer to that Point, but fanc
ing the Major pinch'd upon hi
y Sir (recollecting himſelf) *do*
think (ſays he) *that I tell you a lie?*
you won't believe me, ask my Man, h
he was there with me, and ſaw the K
give me my Colonels Commiſſion, You S
rah (turning to his Man) *did not I*
ſo and ſo, &c. (repeating all o'er
gain) *and for my Courage and Servi*
at that famous Battle, did not you
the King ſeal me a Colonels Commiſſio
No by G — d replies the Man. *H*
Rogue, Dog, Raſcal! cries the Maſt
and flings a Glaſs of Claret in
Face: The Fellow a ſturdy Lad,
Eyes ſomewhat ſmarting, and
Indignation a little provok'd, retu
his Maſters Civility by fairly knocki
him down; For tho' neither Fire
St

eel cou'd fell him at the *Boyne*, a
ox of the Ear was a little too heavy
r him here, ſo that riſing up again,
e Colonel in Heat of Blood ſome-
hat forgetful of his Honour, to
atch his Proweſs with Varlets, ne-
rtheleſs enters into a ſingle Com-
t at Logger-heads with his Man.
ſhort, a moſt terrible Fray enſued
tween them, ſometimes one upper-
oft, and ſometimes t'other, till the
ajor at laſt to make a Battle Royal
it, came in for the third; for ha-
ng a ſmall walking Crab-ſtick in
e Room which he call'd *Marjery*,
makes bold to lay on. And tho'
ſeemingly let fly only at the Squire,
let ſome chance Drubs fall ſeem-
gly upon the Knights Shoulders,
Maſter and Man to ſhield from
is new Aſſailant, drew off at ſome
iſtance, and ſtood at Bay. The
ajor as if he intended his whole
engeance only for the impudent
arlets back, began to ſwear as hard
ow as he threſh'd before, *Sirrah*,
llain, *Scoundrel*, (cries the Major)
—— *D——mn you for a Son of a*
Whore,

Whore, what does your Master give yo
Wages for, but to lie for his Credit?
your Master had said he had been a Ma
jor General, were you so impudent a Ra
cal as to deny it. D—— him, let m
cut the Rogues Throat. The Fello
pretty well satisfy'd with the cu
gelling already receiv'd, wou'd n
stay for any further Engagement, b
fairly facing to the Right marches o
with some Precipitation, and th
Master after him, crying to the Tur
key *stop the Rogue, and by no means*
him go out. The Turnkey answer
he was no Prisoner, and he cou
not justify to keep him, *Ay but* (re
plies the Colonel with his Nose a li
tle dripping) *do you see what the Rasc*
has done, he is a Dog and a Villain, a
has abused me. Nay for that said th
Turnkey, I am neither Constable no
Justice of Peace, and so opening hi
the Door, gave him the Compliment
of (run Rascal) and so troops off *V*
let de Chambre, and never found th
way back again.

Our Colonel tho' loaded with
many hundred Pounds, yet foun
tha

at Favour from the Houſe, as now
d then to be truſted abroad with a
ngle Keeper; particularly on the
th of *July* following, he prevail'd
ith one of the Keepers to take him
road to *Weſtminſter*. The Turn-
eys Wife, who had been often pro-
is'd a ſmall Token of Love from
e Colonel for her Husbands former
ivilities to him, was high with her
usband and the Colonel for non-
erformance, and our Courtier at
ength to make her eaſy, gave her a
uinea.

So all Parties pleas'd, the Colonel
nd his Guard march'd immediately
o *Standgate*, and there take Oars for
eſtminſter Bridge, at their landing
e Turnkey trips out of the Boat
rſt, and looking back for his Priſo-
er, he found him ſtepp'd into a Gal-
y with four Oars that lay ready for
im, and puſhing off with all might
nd main towards *White-hall*.

The Turnkey bellows out in the
ings Name to ſtop him. To take
oat and follow him was in vain, for
e Galley was too nimble for any
common

common Oars. In ſhort, he had n way but to leap into the *Thame* which at that Time at the Shoar w middle Deep, he flounces in, an with all the Expedition he cou make after him; but in vain, th Colonel was got to *White-hall* Stai before him, and our Colonel hunte ſnapt too ſhort to reach him.

The poor Turnkey, poſſibly wh with his great Heat within, and h cooling freſh Water pickle without together with the Loſs of his Priſo ner, ſoon fell ſick and died, befor the end of the Month.

After this nimble Conveyance fro his enchanted Caſtle, he conſider *England* wou'd ſoon be too hot fo him, and therefore reſolves for Ramble for *Flanders*, but we ſhall fir relate ſome Particulars of his *Iri* Frolicks while he was there.

In *Ireland* by the Title of Squir *Fuller*, his abode was at *Dublin*, h lodg'd at a *Barber's* in *Colledge-Green* where he liv'd at that extravagan Expence, that he wheedled one Cap tain *Vand*—— a *Dutch* Officer, ou

100 *l.* and other Persons of consi-
rable Sums, by drawing Bills upon
eminent Merchant in *Wood-street*,
d run in his Landlords and others
ebt 100 *l.* more, who having Occa-
n for their Money, and pressing
rd for it, to get his Heels loose to
turn to *England*, he wheedled an
oneſt Man to be bound for it,
ith Oaths and large Promises of re-
rning it as soon as he came to *En-
nd.* But about six Months after-
ards came a miserable Letter from
s kind Bondsman, directed for him
a House near *Cheapside* (whether
us'd to direct his own Letters) de-
oring his sad Condition, himself in
ublin Goal for the Debts he stood
gag'd for him, which he was ut-
rly uncapable of satisfying; and
nless he return'd the Money accor-
ng to his Promise, he must perish
Prison, and his Wife and Children
arve. This Letter lying long in
eir Hands, and none of our wan-
ring Spark to be found, they made
old to open it, and found these la-
entable Contents.

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To return to our *Flanders* Voyage Himſelf and his Man to attend him and entituled Colonel *Fuller*, he went down to *Graveſend* to take ſhipping for *Holland*, meeting with honeſt Captain *C*—— that carried the King over, the Colonel ſtruck up with him for ten Guineas (a Sum bid like a Chapman) to waft him over, ſaying he was a Colonel, and going to his Command, the Captain paid him more than ordinary Reſpect, and gave him the beſt Treatment his Veſſel cou'd afford. When he came croſs the Water, the Colonel had not Money enough to pay the Sum contracted, but writes a Bill for the Captain to receive ten Guineas in *Amſterdam*, which at preſent very well ſatisfies the Captain: But when he came to get his Bill excepted, he received an unexpected Anſwer. That they knew no ſuch Colonel, nor had any ſuch Sum ſo payable. This diſappointment put the Captain into no good Opinion of the Colonel, but reſolv'd to ſay nothing, becauſe he found himſelf bubbled. But his good

Fortune

ortune in a Fortnight after threw
s dear Colonel accidentally in his
ay, in a Street at *Rotterdam*. The
aptain makes up to him, and catch-
g him fast by the Hand, made bold
tell him, his Bill was not worth a
rthing. *No*, reply'd *Fuller*, with a
ok like a dead Man [being not a
tle surpriz'd] *Captain*, says he, *I am*
rtily sorry for it, and beg your Pardon,
re are four Pistoles for you, swearing
vas all he had, and so in haste took
s leave, while the Captain was glad
get such a Composition for a Debt
desperate.

But this cross Adventure did not
ulk our Knight Errant, and pre-
nding to be a Man of great Quali-
, no less than a Nephew to the
rd *Sidney*, and carried on the
sguise so artfully, he insinuated
mself into the Favour of Major
neral *Kirk*, whom he saw at *Brus-*
, and struck up his Heels for 200
uineas, and was so intimate with
m to ride in his Coach with him,
e Major General thinking no Fa-
ur too great for a Person related

to his Lordſhip. Till one Day mee
ing his Lordſhip, he cou'd not fo
bear telling him how hopeful a you
Gentleman he had for his Nephe
whom he had the particular Hono
to be acquainted with, and gave
Lordſhip a very extraordinary Ch
racter of him. My Lord was mu
ſurpriz'd, and utterly diſown'd a
Relation of that Name, and bei
ſhow'd the Perſon ask'd him wh
Countryman he was of, and whi
way his Relation to my Lord ca
in. He ſaid he was of the *Fuller's*
Kent, and that truly he had the Ha
pineſs to be ſomewat related, t
not ſo near as a Nephew to his Lo
ſhip, 'tis true as he much fear'd,
was his Misfortune at preſent to
unknown to his Lordſhip; howe
he hop'd his Lordſhip wou'd par
his boldneſs in laying Claim to
high an Honour, it being impoſſi
for him to do leſs than Pride him
tho' in the moſt diſtant Affinity
Family of the Worth and Glory
his Lordſhips. My Lord not ſatisfi
with this Complement was pleased

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gnify his Pleaſure, and order'd him
o forbear laying any farther Claim
o his Kindred, for if he did, he
ould have a Paper pinn'd to his
ack, and have him bombaſted by
is Footmen thro' the Camp. This
errible Anſwer put our Spark in
me mortifying Conſternations, and
e Major General in ſome ſmall
urprize, which warn'd our rebuk'd
allant to walk off to ſhelter from
is Lordſhips Indignation, or rather
Prudence to retire from a more for-
idable Danger. *viz.* ſome hard Que-
ions that might ariſe about his 200
uinea's, and withdrawing before
e General, left the Room, and in
ſs than half an Hour the Town.

At *Bruſſels* he had all along kept a
oach and four Horſes to drive back-
ard and forward to the Camp, *&c.*
ſix Crowns a Day Expence; tho'
is Man *Kent* (for that was his Name)
ad often in ſeveral Companies re-
roved his Maſters Extravagance, in
ot bringing over his own Coach
nd Horſes.

From hence his Pockets pretty we
lin'd, he gets to the *Hague*. Her
he did not think the Title of Colon
which at highest amounted but t
Honourable, sufficient for the Figu
he intended there; and to tag h
Point with Right Honourable h
mounts a Step higher, and dubs him
self *a Lord*, by the Title of *Baron* Fu
ler. It is observable in all his Shap
he was unwilling to part from h
Sirname, for whether Major, Col
nel, Sir *William*, or Lord in the Fron
still *Fuller* brought up the Rear. H
drove at high Rate here, till one D
Fortune play'd unhappily a fly Jad
Trick; for when several of the hig
est Nobility were a gaming at a pu
lick Table, our Baron put in for o
of the fair Gamesters, where he l
all his Money, and his last Stake b
ing gone, he pulled out a small B
of Exchange for 30 *l.* charged
Mr. *John Stainsborough* Hop Mercha
in *Thames-street*, *London*, upon *M*
Heervan Wyke Merchant in *Amst*
dam, payable to *William* Baron *Ful*
or his Order without further advi

his Stake went Current in Play, and o body ſuſpected it. But his Bill llow'd his Gold, our Gameſter loſt l he play'd for. And when the Bill as tender'd to *Myne Heervan*, he at rſt ſight own'd it a Counterfeit; but is not fully ſatisfying the Perſon at had it, it happen'd that an *Engliſh* entleman being by, made bold to tell m, *that he was afraid the Lord was great a Counterfeit as the Bill, for to certain Knowledge there was no* Engliſh *Nobleman of that Name.*

In this *Flanders* Ramble his Bank ing low, he happens into Compay with one Mr. *M*——*a* Native of *olland*, and one of the King's Meſngers. His Occaſions wanting ſome w ſupply, and ſome new Arts to iſe it, he thought fit to try his Forne with this Gentleman. By the Diſurſe between them diſcovering the eſſenger ſeldom lay ſtill, that he d been on ſeveral Expeditions with xpreſſes, *&c.* Imagining this Meſnger whoſe Buſineſs lay ſo wide as a Stranger to any of his Titles, his Pranks under thoſe Titles; re-

ſolv'd to paſs for Sir *William Fuller* an *Engliſh* Baronet newly come to his Eſtate, his Father Sir *William* not two Years dead, himſelf newly arriv'd in *Flanders*, his Buſineſs being to ſpend a little Money, ſee new Faſhions, and return home to his Family and Tenents, with all the Privileges of a Traveller. The Meſſenger much delighted in the Gaity of his Humour, expreſs'd his ready Inclinations to do him any Service in his Power. Our Sir *William* returning the Compliment, told him, he would take him at his Word. The Meſſenger proud of obliging him, ſaid in his way, if he would Honour him by viſiting an Uncle of his at *Rotterdam*, a Burgher of ſome Faſhion there, he wou'd by a Letter do him that Juſtice to his Unckle, that his Unckles beſt Services ſhould be ready to oblige him in a higher Meaſure than his own weak Abilities cou'd do.

In ſhort, the Meſſenger and the Baronet grew intimate, and a Recommendary Epiſtle was prepar'd for him

m to his Unckle, and *Rotterdam* is e next Place our Traveller muſt ſit. But before our new ſworn riends part, the Baronet being in a range Place, and his travelling reaſure in Bills, and thoſe unfortu-tely drawn on a Merchant in *Am-rdam*, he has a preſent Occaſion r a ſmall Spill about 200 Guelders ſupply his Pocket till his Receipts om *Amſterdam*, and therefore he akes bold to trouble his Friend for at ſmall Sum, the 200 Guelders ithout the leaſt Scruple were in-antly furniſh'd; and our Baronet us equip'd, ſets forward towards otterdam.

He is no ſooner arriv'd, but the nckle is kind above Imagination, eats him moſt ſumptuouſly, pays all e Addreſſes ſuitable to the Quality his Honourable Gueſt, brought m into the Converſation of ſeveral ch Merchants, who all of 'em grew xtremely Fond of his Company. uring his ſtay he ſtrikes in with e Unckle for much the ſame Sum had borrow'd from his Nephew,

and did it with that *alamode de negligence*, that 'twas impoſſible to den him any thing, his Pretenſions fo borrowing being only occaſion'd b their over kindneſs to him, he is f mightily careſs'd, he cannot get loo to go to *Amſterdam* to receive hi Bills. Amongſt his *Rotterdam* Ac quaintance he grew intimate with *Scotch* Merchant, one Mr. *Willia Ruſſel*, who more paſſionately doate on him than any of them: With hi he grew ſo bold, that having a Bi of 300*l.* *Engliſh* Money to receive *Amſterdam*, he gets him to lend hi 150*l.* of the Money all under the o Pretence, that he cannot ſtir fo his over-kind Friends, underſtandi ſome Days afterward that ſome A fairs call'd our *Scotch* Adventurer *Amſterdam*, he reſolv'd to paſs th Slur on him once more. *Sir*, ſa the Baronet, *I am ſo tied by the L that I deſpair of ever getting Free fro the daily Importunities of my good Frien here, and cou'd heartily wiſh you wou take the Trouble off my Hands of gett me one of my* Amſterdam *Bills receiv'*

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Noble Sir, reply'd the kind *Scot*, *I have some Occasions in some few Days either my self.* The Knight seemingly ransported at that good Fortune, ade Answer. *Nay, then Sir, I'll be bold to make use of my worthy Friend ithout seeking any farther, if you'll ease to favour me with 50 l. more to e Sum you have already pleasur'd me ith: Pray take this 300 l. Bill, and re-ive the Money and pay me the Remain-r at your Return.*

To make even Money, the *Scotch-an* deposites the additional 50 *l.* ithout the least Scruple, and takes e Paper Pledge for his Security. pon this 200 *l.* and so slender a lortgage for it, our serious Sir *Wil-m* considers his Affairs are on a itical Point, and so orders Matters, at the morning e're *Scothman* moves wards *Amsterdam*, our Baronet has casion to meet some Friends newly nded at *Helvetsluys*, and to palliate e Business, he receiv'd Letters the ight before which laid indispensible bligations on him of meeting them ere, one being no meaner than an

Earl, to whom he had the Hono
by his Mothers ſide to be Nephe
The Duty that lay upon him forc
him to borrow himſelf for ſome fe
Days, but promiſing his Return, a
withal not doubting to bring m
Lord his Right Honourable Relati
to *Rotterdam*, who wou'd be thankf
for the Favours his Nephew receive
he formally takes his leave.

He was no ſooner come to *Helv*
ſluys, but by a curſed Caprice of Fo
tune who ſhould he meet but a par
cular Friend of Major General *Kir*
who privately takes our Sir *Willi*
aſide and tells him, there were
Guinea's long owing to the Ma
General, and which muſt be p
upon Sight: Our Sir *William* was
moſt Thunderſtruck at this Accide
began a ſoft'ning Kind of Speech
him, but the Gentleman having
time to talk, cut him ſhort in
manner. *Look you* (ſays he) *the*
Guinea's were borrowed by fine Words
ſweet Looks, but hark you Sir Kn
they muſt not be ſo paid. In ſhor
give you this choice, either pay do

he utmoſt Doit of the Money, or xpect to be jail'd for a Cheat and a Raſcal. I confeſs if thou wert a Gentleman, I would give thee a third Choice to take thee in the Field, and have the Pleaſure of cutting thy Throat for thy Villainy to my Friend he Major General, but as thou'rt a Scoundrel, that is an Honour too great for thee, and of the two that I told you take your choice. The poor Sir *William* at this ſtood Speechleſs, but at laſt recovering Breath to ſpeak once more, he told the Gentleman he would give the utmoſt Satisfaction he was able, and that he was aſham'd for his Ingratitude to the Major General, and hoped he and his Friends are Men of ſuch goodneſs, that if he ſtrained to give him the 200 Guinea's, he hoped they wou'd ſeek no farther Puniſhment. Nay, ſays the Gentleman, pay the Money you owe my Friend and cheat all the World beſide.

Upon this ſmall Comfort, he made hard Shift from the 200*l.* he had from the *Scot* (which was untouch'd) and

a Gold Watch to make up the Sum demanded. The Gentleman seeing the Watch in to make up the Sum began to have some Commiseration. *Well poor Rascal* (says he) *I will not undo thee quite, there's five Guinea's but for working Tools till thou makest the next bite for more.* Our poor Traveller reduced to this small Stake of five Guinea's, is not a little disconsolate at his Calamity; however, he puts on a good Face, and looks out sharp for new Game.

He had no sooner shook of his Care, but met with two or three *English* Merchants waiting for a Passage to *Harwich*, he soon makes one with them, where bearing up the Point of an *English* Baronet, in an Hour's Conversation he begins to be a familiar Acquaintance; talks much of his Travels, was a great Man at Court formerly the late Queens Page, but since he came to Age and his Estate a Gentleman of their now Majesties Bedchamber, and that he was returning to *England*, and expected the Kings Yatch for his Passage, to which

which thoſe *Engliſh* Gentlemen ſhou'd be welcome, and that by Letters he had ordered his Coach and ſix Horſes from his Seat at *Cobham-hall* to attend him at *Harwich*.

This Account from our Bedchamber Man procured him a great many Legs and Scrapes from the Merchants, who return'd him kind Acknowledgment for the Favour of his Yatch, they having deſign'd their Paſſage by the Pacquet Boat; no, by no means, he muſt beg that Favour of them, and to take Part of his Coach from *Harwich* to *London*.

But waiting for our Royal Yatcht our Expectants were all diſappointed, Wind, Tide, or ſome Accident was in Fault; inſomuch, that inſtead of a Kings Cabin, our Grandee was forced to make one with our Merchants in the homely Pacquet Boat. In his Paſſage over he ſtruck in with one of theſe Merchants Mr. *Leaver* for 10 Guinea's, for a Perſon of his Quality to want ſuch a Sum was only thro' his diſtance from home, and his long Stay abroad, that had lick'd up

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ſome Hundreds more than he expe-
cted. It happened that in the Pac-
quet Boat he met with one that very
intimately knew him, when he wa
Page to my Lady *Melfort*; this Per-
ſon at preſent under ſome Cloud be-
ing a Noblemans diſcarded Servant
made bold to borrow of his old Cre-
ney a Crown, and upon the encou-
ragement once or twice more, requ-
ſted two or three half Pieces of him
which our prudent Sir *William* to pre-
vent tatling freely lent him, but th
Footman at laſt hearing his Fello
Traveller, the gay Baronet talk
that prodigious Rate to his Mates th
Engliſh Merchants, he whiſper'd hi
once more and deſir'd to be pleaſur
with a Brace of Guinea's; ou
Knights Fund at this Time none
the greateſt, he was pleas'd to refu
his importunate Suppliant: Upo
which his Addreſſor began to ta
hard Words, that if he denied hi
this Favour he ſhou'd take the bol
neſs to cackle. Our Sir *William*
little nettled, but not outbrav'd wi
theſe threatnings wiſely runs to h

Friend

Friends, and cries Whore first; tells them, that an impudent Fellow in the Boat whom he never saw before, and on whom he bestow'd some Charity, had the Impudence to ask to borrow two Guinea's of him, which being denied, the ungrateful Villain with that Forehead of Brass that he had never met with in his Life, pretending to asperse him with a Parcel of Lies and Forgeries; that the Rogue threatned to come and tell his worthy Friends that he was a Cheat, or some Scoundrel like himself. The Merchants were concerned at this affront to their Honourable Friend, and in short, the Matter came to a Tryal of Skill; and the whole Pedigree of this pretended Knight was reap'd up before them, in which the Knight outbrav'd the poor Accuser in all he said, and clearly carried the Cause. When they came a Shore, tho' our Accuser took the Merchant aside that lent our sham Knight the ten Guinea's, and bid him have a Care of the Impostor, engaging to make out the Truth of all that he had said.

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Nevertheleſs, our Sir *William* had that Aſcendant, that he wou'd not believe one Syllable againſt him.

When they arriv'd at *Harwich*, inquiry was made at all the Inns for a Coach and ſix Horſes that waited for Sir *William Fuller*, to which being anſwered no ſuch Coach was or had been there; he fell into a great Paſſion, call'd his Steward a great many Rogues and Villains for this impudent Neglect of his Commands, and that he muſt have receiv'd his Letter that ordered his Coach. That the Negligence of his Servants was unpardonable, and when he ſaw them he would reward them accordingly.

The Coach and ſix Horſes being wanting, the Knight and his Companions came in a hired Coach to *London*, and there taking leave, he invited them to Dinner at a Tavern in *Queen-ſtreet* near *Cheapſide* on *Thurſday* Seven-night following, againſt which Time he would have a fat Buck from his Park at *Cobham-hall* to entertain them, and then pay the ten Guinea's borrowed. The Merchants

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ccordingly with ſome Friends (one hereof an Oil-man in *Alderſgate-reet*) met at the Tavern on the Day, ut to their Surprize, found neither Dinner, Veniſon, nor Knight: This rongly exaſperated the Merchant hat lent him the ten Guinea's, that nore out of Revenge than Value of he Money, he made it his Buſineſs o hunt him thro' the Town, till at aſt he fixed him at a Houſe againſt he *Charter-houſe*, But found it hard o come at him, for he liv'd upon the culk, went out late, and came in arly; but reſolving to ſnap him, e came with an Officer at eleven one Night reſolved to keep upon the Watch, his Friend the Oil-man with im. The Spark was then going to Bed, but his Man diſcovering ſome Perſons at the Door which he fan-ied waited for his Maſter, he ſlipt o the Conſtable and Watch, and old them there were Thieves de-ign'd to break open ſuch a Houſe. The Conſtable and his Mirmidons larm'd came to do their Duty, but eeing their ſubſtantial Neighbour

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the Oil-man one of the Gang of Thieves, they found out the whole Roguery: And inſtead of apprehending joined with them, and ſo far prevailed with the Landlord as to open his Door and let in the Officer, who arreſted him in his Chamber, and hurried him to a *Spunging-houſe*, from whence on the 18th of *November* 1692. he was by *Habeas Corpus* remov'd to the *King's-Bench*.

Being brought to the *King's-Bench*, and lodged at one of the Tipſtaffs Houſes; the *Marſhall* well pleas'd they had retrieved their Fugitive, and giving him a Viſit, asked him how he could make ſo ungrateful a Return for his Keepers kindneſs in *July* before. To which he impudently made Anſwer, *he did it by the Queens ſpecial Order.*

In theſe Circumſtances, his projecting Head about the End of *December* put him upon addreſſing the *Houſe* of *Commons* concerning his new Diſcovery; the Credit he thought he had gained in Mr. *Crone's diminitive Cauſe*, made him preſume to raiſe

airy

ry Caſtles and mountain Prodigies
ow. Accordingly, he writes two
etters to the Speaker, whereupon
anuary the firſt, he was ordered by
e Maſter of the *King's-Bench* to at-
nd the Houſe on the *Monday* fol-
wing. According to that Order he
ppeared before the Houſe the four-
enth of *January*, and had a hearing
efore them, upon which it was re-
lved that an humble Application
ould be made to his Majeſty, that
e would pleaſe to grant for Mr. *Ful-*
r a blank Paſs for two Perſons for
eir ſafe coming from beyond Sea,
r any other Place hither to give
eir Evidence, and for their Prote-
ion while here, and ſafe return'd if
efired.

On the twenty ſecond, the Houſe
eing acquainted by the *Marſhal* of the
ing's-*Bench* that Mr. *Fuller* was very
l, and not able to attend the Houſe
ccording to Order, ſeveral Mem-
ers were appointed to Repair to
im, and take his Examinations and
nformations upon Oath, to ſecure
is Papers, and examine him who

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his Witneſſes were, where they liv'd and where to be found. And the Houſe being farther acquainted by one of the Members where the ſaid Witneſſes would be that morning, the ſaid Member was ordered to go to the Place, and bring them to the Houſe.

On the twenty third of *February* one of the Members of Parliament (according to the Order of the Day) reported, that the Members appointed had repair'd to Mr. *Fuller*, *and taken an Examination and Information upon Oath, and ſecured his Papers, and examined who his Witneſſes were, and where to be found.* Which Papers and Examination were delivered at the Table ſealed, and opened and read by the whole Houſe, Mr. *James Hayes* and Colonel *Thomas Dalaval* being mention'd by *Fuller* to be two Witneſſes, and having directed where they lodged, and deſcribed them to the Member that repaired to him, ſeveral Members of the Houſe were ordered to bring the ſaid Perſons with them, accordingly the Mem-

bers

rs appointed, return'd this Re-
rt to the Houſe; That they had
en at the Place directed by *Fuller*,
t upon inquiry there, both of the
d Perſons Names and the Deſcrip-
ns of their Perſons, they cou'd not
ar of any ſuch Perſons to have
dged at that Place, or the adja-
nt Houſes, the Perſons who owned
e ſaid Houſes being all Ignorant of
y ſuch Perſons. Whereupon the
ouſe ordered, that Mr. *Fuller* ſhou'd
ocure his ſaid *two Witneſſes to attend*
Houſe to morrow morning at ten a
ock peremptorily.

But he not coming, and the whole
ggle and Shuffle now plainly ap-
aring, it was declared by the
hole Houſe, *February* 24. 1691. *Ne-*
ine contradicente, that the ſaid Fuller
as a notorious Impoſtor, a Cheat, and a
ſe Accuſer; that he had ſcandalized
eir Majeſties and their Government,
uſed the Houſe, and accuſed ſeveral
rſons of Honour and Quality; and that
humble Addreſs ſhould be preſented to
s Majeſty to command his Attorney Ge-
ral to proſecute him accordingly.

This

This juſt Brand ſet upon him, a
a Proſpect of a condign Puni
ment: I ſhall inform the Read
that when his ſwearing Hand was
he accuſed no leſs than twenty eig
Lords Spiritual and Temporal, a
fifteen Commoners; upon the Cre
he thought he ſhould get by his Pl
he affected while in Priſon the
Title of Colonel, bore himſelf wi
a very high Strut, offered his La
lord and his Son the Tipſtaff, Pla
in his Gift at the *Cuſtom-houſe*,
where they pleaſed of near 20
a Year. One Day he had the imp
dence to write a Letter to the Ar
biſhop, who ſmiling at the Co
dence of the Man; a Gentleman th
attending his Grace, for the H
mours ſake came to viſit him at
Tipſtaffs, which happening at no
Time, he was at Dinner with t
Fowls in a Diſh, and two young W
men at Table with him. The Ge
tleman told him, he underſtood
had written a Letter to the Arch
ſhop. Yes Sir, reply'd our Colon
and I have good Reaſon to writ
He

ere I am ſerving the King, and the hurch, and Nation, by diſcovering e Plots and Deſigns of their Ene-ies, and whilſt I am doing them all is Service, I am kept here and ſtar-ed. *How* (reply'd the Gentleman) *wo Fowls and two Miſtreſſes and com-lain of ſtarving! Troth, Sir I think, e Fowl and one Miſtreſs wou'd make a ift to keep you from that Danger.*

In his Sickneſs which diſabled his ttendance on the Houſe, he ſlily ndeavour'd to inſinuate a Belief that e was poiſon'd, imagining, that ch a Suggeſtion might have cre-ited his Evidence by being thought me Deſign of the Plotters to ſtifle is Diſcovery. A Day or two after is Vote of the Houſe of Commons, is pretended Illneſs continuing per-aps in earneſt after that mortifying troke, Mr. *Th*——— an eminent riſoner a Perſon (that had given a ttle too much Ear to our Plot Wit-eſs) at his own Charge ſent a Phy-ian to him, and at almoſt midnight; fter the Lecturer of the Pariſh was alled to him, and deſired to pray by him,

him, who plainly told him. *That he would first deserve his Prayers, shou'd have them,* viz. *If instead of th pretended Poison he was sick of, he wo disgorge the true Poison he had poison the Nation withal, and own the Motiv and Causes why he accused so many in cent Persons of Honour, then he shou have the heartiest Prayers he cou'd m for him: But till then he must excu him, and so left him.*

The next morning the Curate w sent for to intreat him to do th Christian Office which the Lectur had refused him, which the Cura readily consented to, and after sev ral Prayers suitable to a sick Co science, he modestly press'd it hon to him concerning the many Perso of Honour he had accused, till last he frankly confess'd he had do them a great deal of Wrong, for he had sworn was not of his ow Knowledge, but by hear say.

He wheedled Dr. *Oates* out of f teen Pound, and upon other Actio did lie charged at his Suit for thir Pound.

s the Orders of the House requi-
a punctual Observance, and Of-
lers of that Nature ought to be
kly confin'd, so the Marshall
him out of the Sun which he
'd himself with at the *Tipstaffs*
shady Apartment in the Prison.
Man of Romance spent his
e as idly here, as if he was above
reach of the Law, carrying him-
as high in the Goal as if he was
his own House, and making his
t among his Fellow Prisoners as
e was acting the Baron again in
land, or personating the Kinsman
some great Nobleman at *Brussels*.
did he want for Persons to feed
Vanity, in a Place where Poverty
layed it self to the utmost, and
ere the Gift of a Brick and a pen-
worth of Cheese entituled any
to be what he'd please to make
self. Colonel was his Name while
Money lasted, and his Honour
Compliment made to him by his
llegiates, which were his Depen-
ts. But when his Gold was gone,
his Pockets seem'd to be unac-

quainted with Silver, plain *Fuller* the Name that ſucceeded, and C tempt took the Place of Obeiſa But as he was no Sranger to the M bility of Fortune, as to have her her Rubs in his way before, ſo now bore with the Reflections were caſt on him with ſo ſingul Demeanor and Exaltation of M as if they were rather the Effec the poor Peoples Ignorance than Demerits. When his Tryal came he behaved himſelf at the Bar n like a Perſon that ſate on the Be than a Wretch of his Circumſtan and told the Court, he had d ſuch Things for the Preſervatio his Majeſty's Perſon, and the pre Government, that he had gre Reaſon to expect the Thanks of Nation for his great Services, an Arraignment as a Criminal. H ever, he was found Guilty of Fo ry, and his endeavours to deſtro great Number of Innocent and ble Perſons, over ballanced the vice he had done, in the Convi of one, *viz.* Mr. *Crone*. Accordi Sente

ntence paſſed upon him, which in nſideration of his Youth was ligh-'d to the Pillory, he was remand- back to the *King's-Bench*, where he y'd about three Days before he di- rted the Mob three more ſucceſ- ely who were very buſy imployed beſtowing Dirt and rotten Eggs him.

When in the *King's-Bench*, he re- rn'd to his old Rhodomontado's a- in, told the Waiters the King let m ſuffer only to keep in with the ouſe of Commons, but he ſhou'd on have a conſiderable Poſt near Majeſties Perſon, as ſhould make m more than amends for the di- onourable Treatment he had met om ſome Perſon, whom he ſhou'd t long ſtand in Fear of: His ſtay as not long here after his Puniſh- ent, for he wheadled ſomebody out Money for a freſh *Habeas Corpus*, d remov'd himſelf to the *Fleet*, here he had the Liberty to lodge in e Rules, and walk in the Day time out his neceſſary Occaſions.

The Reader without doubt expe
now he is a Priſoner at large to h
ſome of his Exploits, and that a M
of his active Genius, would not co
tent himſelf with the Pranks whi
had already made him famous,
ſhall begin therefore with the f
that preſents it ſelf. Our *Coney-w*
cutting Colonel had not been long
this new Place of Reſidence, but
got acquainted with one Mr. *Hebu*
Printer, and by pretending to furn
him with Secrets of State, which
had been let into, and Promiſes
Preferment at Court, he got ſeve
Sums of Money from him; and of
put the poor Man to his Shifts to p
vide his Honour (for that was
Title they gave him) a Diſh
Fowls, *&c.* for Dinner: It happen
one *Barnham* a Book-binder in *Litt*
Britain frequented this Mans Hou
and being known for a ſtout Fello
was brought acquainted with the N
ble Squire, as one fit to defend h
from ſome diſaffected People as *F*
ler averred laid wait for his L
Nothing was left unpromiſed to ma

Champion enter into his Service,
the Colonel told him, that Day
King had made him Governour
Portsmouth in consideration of his
at Services, and if he would sell
his Tools and apply himself to a
litary Life, he would make him
Deputy Governour, and give him
least a Company of Foot besides.
nham believed every Word he
d, but being willing to provide
his Wife and Child, told him, he
uld readily embrace his Honours
er, but he could not go so far
m his Family without leaving a
intenance behind, which he was
apable of at that Juncture. Phoo
the Colonel, I'll soon remove
t Scruple, I'll settle threescore
unds a Year on them immediately,
their present Subsistance, and af-
we are fixed and have all things
cessary at my Government, you
y send for them down to *Portsmouth*, and there shall be no Distinon between them and my own
lations. The Bookbinder embrahis Offer in an Instant, gave him

a hundred *if it pleaſe your* Honour all in tranſport, told his Honour waited his Orders, and guarded hi home every Night with two Piſto ſtuck in his Girdle, and a terrib oaken Plant to combat his imagina Foes with. And our preſent *Gua du Corps* dreamed of nothing but go den Mountains, and a thouſand ther whimſical Enjoyments, ſo th *Little-Britain* looked as much like Dog Kennel in his Eyes as *Hock* in the *Hole*, and a Bookſeller ſeem as much beneath him, as he imag n'd one of the Foot Soldiers wou be hereafter. All his Thoughts we bent on the diſpoſal of his workin Tools, and he was ſtill faſhioni his Mouth to call his Wife *Mada* and expreſs'd himſelf after the Qu lity way of the *young Lady my* Daug ter, till Fortune befriends him wi the Converſation of ſome Peopl who knew *Fuller* better than himſe and he underſtood before 'twas t late, that his pretended Benefact had pack'd up his Awls and w gone, after having ruin'd poor H

hurſt

; made bold to borrow fifty
nds of Sir *Henry F——ſs*, and
himſelf ſeven and twenty Shil-
s in Debt with his Deputy Go-
nour, elſe honeſt Mr. *Barnham* had
pis'd leaf Gold as much at he now
es it, left being ſerviceable to
he Common-wealth of Learning,
be rendered incapable to ſerve
nſelf, and had been undone, while
fancied himſelf at the very Brink
Preferment.

Twas fit our Spark ſhould ſhift his
arters, after he had made this part
hot for him, and fix upon ano-
r Spot of Ground. Therefore,
es the Warden of the Fleet the
, and chang'd *Ludgate-hill* for the
ge of the *Court*, and having provi-
d a Taylor who lov'd fair Spee-
es, and new rigged himſelf, away
rches our Gentleman to the Coun-
Chamber at *Whitehall*, ſends in a
tter to that moſt honourable Board,
d acquaints them, that he knew
here Colonel *Parker* who eſcaped
om the *Tower*, and ſeveral other

Malecontents were to be fou
The Lords were extreamly amaz'd
the Fellows Impudence, yet t
they knew his Character, and w
he alledged to be true, to be utter
falſe, 'twas thought adviſeable
give Ear to him, leſt the Raſ
ſhould lay hold of this Occaſion
complain againſt the Miniſtry. A
cordingly, they ordered a Gent
man well known to the Governme
to accompany him into *Suſſex* in ſear
of the Perſons before mention'd, a
to bear his Charges. Horſes bei
provided, and Letters ſent to t
Sheriff of the County to aſſiſt the
on that Occaſion, down went o
Gentleman with his Overſeer. *Fu*
ler the firſt Inn they baited at too
Occaſion to buz about the Secre
and the great Confidence the Kin
had put in him; nothing materi
happened before they reached *Ch*
cheſter, which was the City they w
to Travel to, but that they wer
forced to take up at a Countryman
Houſe for their Lodgings the firſ
Night, where *Fuller* after the man
ne

r of the Beaux, ſhifted himſelf,
' on a Journey, and leaving a fine
nder's lac'd Shirt and Neckcloth, and
lean Pair of Gloves in his Cham-
, his Landlady being an honeſt
oman brought them after him, ſay-
, he had forgot to put thoſe things
his Portmantle: No, no, ſaid our
untry Squire, prithee good Wo-
n take them for your ſelf, it is al-
ys my Cuſtom to leave ſuch little
tters to the People of the Houſe
odge with on a Journey. The
oman taken with this extravagant
ility call'd him a hundred Lords,
held up her Eyes and pray'd he
ght get ſafe to *Chicheſter*, where
y arrived, and the High Sheriff
e them his Attendance at the Inn,
miſes his Service, and laughs with
er Gentlemen over a Bottle of
ne, while *Fuller* takes Horſe and
tends to ride to a Town hard by
find out the Traytors. Mr, *F——n*
that was the Sheriff, having a
aracter of our Plotter-taker, ſends
an after him to dog him and ob-

ſerve his Actions, which accordingl
was done, and Word brought, th
our *Coney-wool-cutter* did nothing b
drink one Pint of Wine by himſe
take a Diſh of Coffee, and get
Horſe-back again, tho' he ſwo
heartily when he came back, he h
actually ſpoken with *Parker*, and th
promiſed upon Honour to ſurrend
themſelves to the Sheriffs that Nigh
but no Colonel *Parker* came th
Night nor the next. This made t
Gentleman that came with him u
eaſy, but not daring to come wit
out the Secretary's Order, he ſen
Letter to deſire leave to come up
Town, from hunting after a Nee
in a Bottle of Hay, and received
patches to return. But *Fuller* havi
made his Market of no one ſince
arrival at that Place, goes to an e
nent Dealer, acquaints him with
Commiſſion, and telling him t
Money fell ſhort, offers him to dr
a Bill upon ſight on the Earl
P———d for a hundred Poun
which he had certainly received h
not Mr. *F——n* came accidenta
the

ere, and crying, *Your humble Ser-nt Mr.* Fuller, been asked his Cha-ter, and by his Anſwer freed the op-keeper from ſo great a Loſs.

However, tho' he was diſappointed the Shop-keepers, he ſucceeded th Mr. *Barnes* the Carrier of the own; who readily took a Note awn on a Banker in *Lombard-Street* t knew nothing of the Matter, for e Pounds, which he had laid down Specie. This ſmall Sum which was forced to except of inſtead of s hundred Pound, furniſh'd him th means to provide for going, d remove from a Place where its habitants were likely very ſoon to ell him out; but could not in his onſcience part from it without ano-er Cheat. And away he marches the Inn, Counterfeits an extraor-nary Surprize, tells the Gentleman at came with him, he had juſt par-d with *Parker* and the Perſons they ere in queſt of at ſuch a Houſe, o or three Miles off and deſired m to let him ride his Horſe, which as of great Value, and proper for ſuch

ſuch an Enterpriſe, and he wou
cauſe them immediately to be ſeiz
ſince they had been ſo dirty as
violate their Parole of Honour. B
our Spark had a long-headed M
to deal with, who knew the Price
a good Horſe better than to p
with him ſo eaſily, and made
Bones of a flat Denial. At whi
our *Coney-wool-cutters* Blood was
in an Inſtant, and falling into a P
ſion, he ſwore his Majeſty ſhou
know what a Sort of an Aſſiſtant
Secretary of State ſent with him, a
if Colonel *Parker* was not his Pri
ner that Day, the King ſhould be
quainted at whoſe Door the Fa
lay. But the Gentleman knew w
enough, that a Fellow who had p
ſuch a Trick as this on the Gover
ment, could never more obtain
be countenanced by it; and havi
received Orders from above to re
der himſelf in *London* by ſuch a Ti
paid our Sparkes Charges at the In
and took his leave of him, maki
the beſt of his way to give the M
niſters of State an Account how

the

hey had executed the Commiſſion
ney was intruſted with. *Fuller* had
o Buſineſs to ſtay behind him, and
nce he had loſt all hopes of riding
way with a better Horſe, contented
imſelf with mounting his own
Hackney, and ſpurr'd forwards with
he poor Carriers five Guinea's in his
ocket to ſeek out a lurking Place in
ondon; and whoſe Houſe ſhould he
itch on but Captain *Daintry's* a
Cane-ſhop, juſt without *Temple-Bar*.
The Captain being a Man of exceeing Complaiſance, and a great Admirer of People in the Intereſt of he Government, received his new Lodger with a Courteſy of Behaviour that was natural to him, and xpreſs'd himſelf in ſuch a manner, s to inſinuate, that a Perſon who ad been ſo Serviceable to his Majeſty (as he pretended to have been) ight command all he had, ſince it as plain, he had ne'er enjoy'd ſuch Shop of Goods as he then did, ere it not for his diſappointing the Deſigns of the Enemies of the *Protetant* Religion by the Conviction of

Crone,

Crone, and other remarkable Exploits. Our Guest was not backward in verbal Returns, and as he personated a *Quondam* Page of Honour to the late Queen, made use of very Courtly Expressions. Lodgings were at a high Rate, and booked down Week after Week, with Snuff Boxes, Canes, and other Nick-nacks, so fast, that at last the Captain was forced to make a civil Request to his Honour, backed with a Work of Excuses to furnish him with the small Matter that was between them; who seeming surpriz'd at the Misfortune of his not having so much by him, told him, the Neglect of his Steward in the Country at present made him so bare, but he would send his Man down to his Estate in *Kent* on purpose, in order to bring him a fit Supply for the Captains and his own Occasions, and to carry on the Grandeur of the thing, the Man was to remove for some Time from him, as if he was actually gone in the Country to receive his Rents. *Fuller* next morning borrow'd two or three

Peices

Peices at a Houſe hard by, and takes Coach at his Landlords Door, as if bound for the Earl of *Romney*'s, in order to receive a round Sum: But inſtead of troubling his Lordſhip, alights at a Surgeons a Friend of his, whom he prevails with to help to carry on the following Jeſt for him. Dear Friend, ſaid he, there is a Lady of great Fortune whom I court, and am not without Hopes of obtaining, but her Brother is againſt the Match, and has actually ſent me a Challenge to meet him to morrow morning, becauſe of my Pretenſions to his Siſter. Now, tho' 'tis well known I fear no Man living, yet for the dear Relation he bears to my deareſt Miſtreſs, and the inconſolable Grief the poor Creature would be overwhelm'd with, ſhould he fall by my Sword (as he ſurely muſt if I meet him) has prevailed with me to think of means how to prevent his fall, and yet not be detrimental to my own Honour. What think you, if I feign my ſelf wounded by a Parcel of Ruffians this Night, who are Enemies

to

to the Government, and consequently my Foes? You may pass excellently well for my Surgeon, and keep me in Countenance by pretending to dress my Wounds, *&c.* and as an Encouragement for carrying on the Design, you shall have the same Recompence as if I was actually under Cure.

Mr. *Plaister-Box* needed no farther Arguments to have a finger in the Plot, than the profitable Expressions that fell last from him, and to make it appear as if he had actually fallen into the Hands of Ruffians, makes Use of some Porringers of fresh Blood which stood in the Window, and stains our mock Hero's Coat and Shirt with it in such a manner, that he really seemed what he would look like. His Cloaths were pink'd thro' in several Places, and he stood so much on the Repute of a Man of Valour, that he could not be satisfied till his Sword had the same Honour done it, and was besmear'd up to the very Hilt, in order to give the People where he lodged an Item of his

his Bravery. Adorn'd after this Heroick Faſhion, home goes our Champion in a Chair, and his Surgeon walking after him in as diſconſolate a Poſture, as ever joyful Widow feigned herſelf to be in after her Husband's Corps. He was no ſooner got within Doors, but Maid, Miſtreſs and Man, (for the Maſter was at *Enfield*) were ready to drop down Dead at the Sight, *the poor Colonel was kill'd* was the Burthen of the Song; and nothing was to be heard in the Houſe but Lamentations for the unfortunate Accident. A Meſſenger was diſpatch'd to the Captain with the deplorable News, and came back with Word; that had he been in Town, he would have march'd after the Raſcals with his Company of Train-Bands. But to return to our wounded Man, he bids the good People *not to be concerned for the ſame Power which had preſerved him after lying in Bed poiſon'd twelve Weeks, without ſpeaking or ſtirring, would continue to act in Favour of him at a Juncture when he had it in his Power to be*

more

more Serviceable than ever to his Majesty. Yet, if it was so ordered that he must leave this Life for a better, as the Danger of his Wounds seemed to foretell, they should find the Kindness he had received from them, and the Compassion they had for his Misfortunes; fully compensated, if his Estate in Kent, *and his other Mannors were capable of making a sufficient Return.* The Mistress and Maid shew'd their Behaviours for so kind Expressions, and the Prentice for his Part lost abundance of his Concern for his Master *Fuller*'s Danger, in his Reflections on the Promise he had made them. But the Surgeon being earnest for his Patient to take his Bed, told the Company they would be troublesome to him, they took their leaves after hearty Prayers in outward Appearance for his Recovery. Two or three Nights pass'd on, but it was time while he had play'd his Part in this Tragi-Comedy to close the Scenes, and come to a Conclusion as to these Lodgings which were likely to be too hot for him. He grew better and

d better every Day to the great
ief of the Family, and no Servant
ming from his Country Tenants,
thought it adviſeable to prepare
give the noble Captain the ſlip:
ccordingly, the Surgeon declares
n capable of going abroad with-
t any Danger of a Relapſe, and
beſt of his Effects being moved
the Night before, he locks his
amber Door, and down he comes
his Landlord's Son in the Shop,
d deſires him to lend him a Pair
Screw Piſtols value ſix Guineas,
he was going juſt then to ſur-
ize the Villains who wounded him,
d was ſenſible the Reſiſtance they
uld make, made it neceſſary he
uld have other Arms than a ſin-
Sword. The Subject of the Re-
eſt ſeem'd probable enough, and
Piſtols were deliver'd him, with
Multitude of Deſires to take Care
them, for they were made on
rpoſe for the uſe of a certain Per-
n of Quality. No Promiſes were
anting on his Part, and away he
arches with them, pretending to
ſeek

ſeek for a Conſtable to bear him Company in the dangerous Exploit but inſtead of it, takes Coach to the Place where he had ordered his Man to ſtay for him, and from thence takes Boat with him for *Graveſend*, leaving his Name to be ſeen in the Captain's Books and thoſe at the *Cock-Ale-Houſe*, that they might not looſe the Remembrance of him. The People of the Houſe finding their Lodger not to come as uſual, began to ſmell a Rat, eſpecially the Captains Son who had lent him the Piſtols, and finding his Bag and Baggage march'd off, were ſo diligent in their Enquiry, as to be informed of the Voyage he had taken in Company with another Perſon to *Graveſend*. Where young *Daintry* immediately takes Horſe, and Poſts down after him, nor was he unſucceſsful for after ſome Inquiry at the publick Houſes in that Place, he found him at Supper with his Landlady and two or three more, and the Brace of Piſtols on a Table juſt by him. However, our Spark took

Heart

Heart of Oak, and with a noble Assurance accosted his young Landlord, with all the seeming Satisfaction at the Sight of him Imaginable, desiring him to eat a bit with him, and told him, he had followed the Rascals to that Place, and since he might hinder the Sale of the Pistols, they were there ready to be return'd him, and he thank'd him heartily for the use of them: For he had such an Interest in this County, that he shou'd have them if they were above Ground, without exposing any other Persons than his Tenants: And he thought himself happy in seeing him there, by reason he had an opportunity of paying him his Acknowledgments at his own House, and letting him see he had a Sense of Gratitude, and would make handsomer Returns than what was between himself and his good Father, could possibly require. The young Man was dash'd at the fair Words he gave him, and apt to believe he was really the Man of Estate he personated, said nothing of

of the Matter he came down fo
but took his Piſtols again, and h
ving drank a Bottle of Wine or tw
with him, and agreed to go ne
morning to his Manſion-Houſe,
order to receive the Money due
his Father, retired to his Chambe
in the mean Time, our pretende
Gentleman and his Man laid the
Heads together, and finding it hig
Time to be gone, ſlipp'd away th
Night on Board a *Deal* Hooker, fro
whence they took Horſe and arriv
ſafely in *Canterbury*, where they to
up their Reſidence, in order to t
their Fortunes once more, leavi
the young *Cane-man* in a diſmal Pe
plexity next morning at the Ne
of their eſcape, without any Hop
of carrying home any other Satis
ction to his Father, than that of t
Diſcovery of his ſtray'd Piſtols
gain.

Our Spark being now in a Pla
where Religion ſeem'd to have fo
Authority among the Inhabitan
and the Prebendaries of the Cat

dral Church, bore no little Sway over the Laity. It was altogether neceſſary he ſhould put on a ſanctified Face, and be conformable to a Temper of Mind, which the Gentry of the Town ſeem'd wholly to be poſſeſs'd with. Wherefore, as he made it his Practice to put Tricks upon Men, he reſolv'd for the preſent to endeavour to put a Cheat upon God, and feign a Sort of Bigotiſm, which was much approved of in thoſe Parts. Accordingly, he was to be ſeen lolling on a Velvet Cuſhion next the Dean's Stall in the Cathedral Mornings and Afternoons, with Eyes lifted up, as if he was petitioning for Mercy, when he was racking his Thoughts to be unmerciful, and find out Ways to abuſe his Fellow Creatures. He was ſoon taken Notice of, for it was a City where no Stranger could eſcape a very narrow Obſervation, and was handed about from one Prebendaries to anothers Table from Day to Day, till our Couterfeit Church of *England*

Man

Man found time was ripe for A
ction, and Money falling ſhort, hel
a Conſultation with his Wits, ho
to make his Bank riſe again. H
had paſs'd with them for a Nephe
of the Biſhop of *Durham*'s, and th
next immediate Heir, to whom th
Title of Lord *Crew* was to deſcen
after his Uncles Deceaſe, and h
Lordſhip being poſſeſs'd of large Pre
ferments in his Gift, 'twas no har
Matter to perſwade a Sort of Peo
ple who were gaping after new Do
nations to accept of them. Where
fore, going to a Reverend Docto
he told him, he had juſt then re
ceived Advice, a Prebend of *Durha*
was fallen Vacant, and that the Do
ctor had ſo often obliged him wit
his kind Entertainments, that h
would diſpatch Letters immediate
by this Poſt to his Unckle (wh
could not deny him any thing) t
confer it upon him. The Docto
who had no Reaſon to refuſe th
Proffer, return'd him his Ackno
ledgments in as handſome Terms

ſſible, and *Fuller* to ſhew he was earneſt, writes a Letter of *Eligi-ity* to the Biſhop to make Choice the Doctor his worthy Friend. is certain, ſuch a Kindneſs as this ght give Pretenſions to the Do-rs Pocket, and a Day or two af-when he made a Viſit to him, ong other Diſcourſe, he ſeem'd blame the Neglect of his Stew-d, in letting him be at ſuch a Di-nce, and in a Place were he was ogether unknown, without a ſuf-ient Remittance, and delivered mſelf in ſuch a Manner, that the *ebend Elect*, if he had any Senſe Gratitude in him could not but ake him an Offer of his Purſe, his expected Returns were diſ-ch'd him. *Fuller* ſeem'd aſham'd give his Acceptance, but after ch entreaty, he was prevailed th to take Threeſcore Guineas, which he honourably gave his te payable upon Demand. Fluſh'd th this new Sum, he had where-thal to make his Addreſs to the

Ladies, and had good Succeſs in
Amours. But ever (as huma
Things are ſubject to Misfortun
and Succeſs not being the Attend
on all Villainies) our Biſhops Neph
was to be call'd to Account, after
had run in Debt with the May
and Aldermen. *&c.*

It happen'd one of the Kin
Meſſengers coming that way, ma
a Diſcovery which was not ve
pleaſing to him, and gave the Pe
ple to underſtand he was *Fuller*
Impoſtor, and not the *Biſhops Neph*
before he could poſſibly bruſh
The Doctor was out of all Patien
at the Loſs of his new Dignity: T
Mayor and Aldermen very much
cens'd at their own Want of Ju
ment in not diſcovering him befo
and nothing could be like the
dies Reſentments, for beſtowing th
Favours on a Fellow who ſo lit
deſerv'd them. Wherefore he
ſeiz'd and put into the comm
Goal at the Doctors Suit, a no
Brewers, and ſeveral other Cre
tors, where he ſtay'd till he was
mo

ov'd by *Habeas Corpus*, having left mock Dignity for the Doctor, hich he ſtill goes by the Name of, ing to this Day pointed at with *there goes* one of the Prebendaries *Durham*: Now we have brought m to his old Lodging again, we nnot but mention ſome Debts he ft behind him at the *Cock-Ale-Houſe* ext his Lodgings without *Temple-r*. The Reader may take theſe lls and Letters in order according the Date of them, and the falſe elling to *Fuller's* Ignorance and ant of Education, they being om his Originals.

he Superſcription. For the Right Honourable the Earl of Portland *at the* Hague *in* Holland.

My Lord.

London Auguſt 13. 1697.

SUME urgent Ocations obilige me to intreat your Lordſhip, one Sigth heareof, to Order the Sume of fifty Pounds, to be pay'd,

" unto Mr. *James Bennet* at
" *Lock-Abe-House* without *Temple-B*
" in *London*, or his Orders, I h
" ving received the Vallue hea
" This with Receit ſhall be a ſu
" cient Diſcharge for the ſame.

I am my Lord,

Your Lordſhips moſt
Dutiful Servant,

William Fuller.

Mr. *Bennett.*

Auguſt 24.

" SUME Ocations keep me in t
" Country, but if I may do
" without Pregidis, I will come
" *London* to pay you Mr.—— in
" few Days, others, I cannot unt
" the King *comes*, therefore am wi
ling to be free till then.

I pray give my Service to yo
Wife and Son.

I am your Friend,

William Fuller.

r Mr. William Willmote *at* Southampton *inn* Hampſhire.

Mr. *Willmote.*

London October 20. 1697.

I Received yours of the 15th. Inſtant, and have ſent the Bearer Mr. *James Bennet*, to you for my Money, which I deſier you to pay one Sigth of my Bill, which I have given him on you for the ſame, and I have alſo given him my Order to receive and diſpouſe of, for my uſe, all ſuch Brandys, as you now have of myne in your Cuſtody, and I deſier you to aſſiſt him to your beſt Judgment, either ſould with you, or at *Portſmouth*, or otherwiſe to ſend them for *London*, the ſooneſt way you and he can find out, I give him full Power to diſpoſe of them, for my uſe, ſend his Receit and ſhall

be a ſufficient Diſcharge for m
Monny and Brandys.

I am Sir,

Your humble Servant,

William Fulle

To Mr. William Willmote
Southampton *in* Hampſhire.

Mr. *Wilmotte.*

London, October 21. 169

" ONE Sigth of this my onl
" Bill pay unto the Beare
" Mr. *James Bennett* for my uſe th
" Sum of eighty Pounds Sterling
" value receiv'd heare and his Recei
" ſhall be your Diſcharge,

per me,

William Fuller.

To Mr. Will. Willmot *at* Southampton *inn* Hampshire.

Sir,

London, October 21. 1697.

PRAY deliver to Mr. *James Bennet* or Order twenty seven Hogsheads of *French* Brandy, for my use, and the said Mr. *Bennet's* Receit shall with this be your sufficient Discharge for the same, hereaof faile not, and you will oblige your Friend to serve you,

William Fuller.

To Mr. William Willmot *at Mr.* Doares *House in* Limington *in* Hampshire.

Mr. *William Willmot,*

London, October 28. 1697.

PAY unto Mr. *James Bennet,* or Order on Sigth of this my only Bill, the Sum of eigty Pounds Sterling, vallue received heare,

" and take his Receit in full inn
" Favor,

Who am,

Sir your Servant,

William Fulle

To keep as regular Method
poſſible, we muſt relate two Adve
tures he had about the ſame Ti
he lodged at Captain *Daintry*'s e
we proceed, and where ſhou'd w
find him playing his old Tricks nex
but on one Mr. *Humphreys*, as ſob
a Non-con as ever beat Cuſhion. B
how to manage this Piece of Sobriet
he was put to his Wits ends for wa
of proper Means and Ways; till
laſt he concluded, that the readie
way to get the Hearts of the Reli
gious was to put on the Mask o
Piety, and Veil his diſhoneſt Inten
tions with the Appearance of down
right Honeſty. Accordingly, h
accoſts the lear-ey'd Saint with th
Viſage of a converted Sinner, tell

him,

im, his *ſtony* Breaſt was *reduced* to
ne *ſ ſtneſs* of one *Fleſh*, and acquaints
im, he was *ſore vex'd, yea and exce-*
ingly grieved, that he had partaken
f the *Fornications* of the Whore of
abylon, by *communicating* with a
hurch (meaning the Church of *En-*
and) whoſe *Impieties* call'd out for
engeance, and whoſe Ceremonies
ere nothing elſe but *Idolatry*. The
ood Man was all Joy at his Peni-
tent Addreſſes, told him, he was
uch comforted at the Sight of ſuch
undant Grace in a Perſon ſo
ung, ran to his Wife to tell her
hat a Religious Adventure he had
et with. When the ſanctified Spouſe
me to partake of her Husbands Sa-
ſfaction, ſhe was tranſported too
ery Joint of her. *The Man was a*
odly young Man, and ſhe had the over-
wings of Conſolation at his returning
om the Errors he was brought up in. Ful-
was as much pleaſed as they to ſee
ow faſt the Plot ſucceeded, and how
reedily they took the Poiſon he de-
gned for them. But matters were
ot yet ripe for Action, and he

knew too much Precipitancy might ruin the best Project imaginable; and coming Day after Day without mentioning any thing but his *Yearnings after the Truth*, the *violent Breathings* he had to be joyn'd in *Communion* with them, and other Expressions of the like Nature. His whole Employment every Morning before he came to dine with them, was to search the Scriptures for Choice and adequate Sentences. Till at last having made them believe he was no small Person tho' at present obliged to appear *incognito* for several Reasons, and perceived he cou'd not miss of having what Proposal he pleas'd to advance accepted. He takes the old Man aside, telling him with a Multitude of *I blush*, &c. That his Remittances came in so slow, that he must beg the Loan of Thirty Pound for a Day or two, but whatever he did he must not for the World tell his Wife, for should she be made acquainted with his Pusillanimitive Request, which would lessen a Man of his Birth, and he could never look in her Face afterwards.

No Scruple was made of the Money, which our Spark received with all the outward Diſſatisfacton imaginable, tho' he felt nothing inward but exceſs of Contentment. The next Day he comes and communicates his Deſires in the ſame Words to his Wife, but her Husband muſt not know a Syllable of the Matter. No truly that he can't, ſweet Sir, cry'd the Woman; and fetching him the Sum he ſpoke for, drop'd a Thouſand Courteſies for the Honour of his Acceptance. Having brought things to Perfection, march'd off with Fifty Pound without any Ceremony, having a Qualm of Conſcience not to cheat them of any more.

Being one Night at the Play-houſe, and ſitting by an honeſt Gentleman in the Pit Mr. *Samuel Prat*, who was a ſubſtantial Dealer, the Gentleman happen'd to call for the *Orange Woman* to bring ſome *Oranges*; *Fuller* having ſeen him at a certain Shop, and mighty willing to draw in another *Bubble* pluck'd an *Orange* out of his Pocket, and very civilly told him it was at his Ser-

Service. The Gentleman not in the leaſt diſcovering the Deſign of the Preſent thankfully accepted it; and when the Woman came about with her Basket offer'd to return it. But *Fuller* wou'd not for the World ſuffer any ſuch thing, and proud of having an Opportunity of letting any Gentleman know how ready he was to oblige him. This drew another Reply till at length *Fuller* was grown ſo perfectly acquainted with the Stranger that he was mighty preſſing with him to go after the Play and foul a Plate with him, 'twas agreed, and the Cock *Ale-houſe* next door to his Lodgings was pitch'd upon, wither they went and after having regall'd themſelves took their leave of each other. But *Fuller* feign'd himſelf ſo pleas'd with his new Acquaintance, that he cou'd not live a Day without his Converſation; My Dear, and all the ſweet Expreſſions imaginable were made uſe of, to perſwade him what a Sincere Affection he had for him. Day after Day they made Viſits to each other till the Counterfeit Page of Honour

had

d poſſeſs'd his new Friend with an pinion of the Reality of his Title, d broke his mind to him after this anner. We Gentlemen are born to Kindneſſes for each other, and the eſign of our Creation is only to be ſſiſtant to our mutual Support. 'Tis ue you are of a very gainful calling t a Courtiers Employ would ſuit a erſon of your affable Temper much etter; what think you my dear Friend being one of the *Gentlemen of the ing's Bed-Chamber, Maſter of the Ward-e*, &c. Theſe are Places I can get r you of my *Royal Maſter the King*, one Word ſpeaking. Truly ſaid e Gentleman, tho' I have no reaſon find Fault with my preſent Cir-umſtances. I ſhould be glad to ad-n:e my ſelf in order to be more ca-able of ſerving my Fellow Crea-res. Depend upon me then ſaid *ller*, but it will require ſome ſmall latters of Money, and took Occaſion borrow ſome Guineas of him, which e continued ſqueezing him of till e Debt ſwell'd to a great Sum, and e Gentleman was as far from the

Re-

Recovery of his Money, as he w
from his Interceſſions of getting
Grant for a great Poſt for him. He
his Friend wou'd have broke off h
Acquaintance with him, but *Fuller* ha
other Fiſh to fry and ply'd him wi
the following Letters.

My deareſt Love.

May 7th 169

" I Have many Pretenders, and
" really believe ſome hearti
" love me, and amongſt that Numb
" there are not few of the firſt Qua
" lity, and greateſt Intereſt about m
" Royal Maſter the King.

The Remainder of this is loſt.

I being ever Yours,

whilſt

William Fulle

My Dear,

May 25t

" I Have almoſt made a Reſolutio
" never to be troubleſome to yo
" but Experance teaches me that o

" Wi

Wills are not ever inn our Power, and really tho' unwilling I am to be burthenſume to you, yet I am proud on this Occation to uſe your Friendſhip in ceaſe whearein you will ſerve me beyond what I can expreſs, and theareby bind me if poſſiably more abundantly in an eternal Obligation of Gratitude and ſtrickteſt Friendſhip; my dear, laſt laſt Night I received a Commiſſion for a ſmall Employ worth 800 *l.* per annum, one which I muſt enter this preſent Weeke, and in order theareto I am oblig'd to go for *Portſmouth* but ſhall not ſtay thear above three Days now my deare having paid above 200 *l.* a *Saturday* for the Houſe I bought I have quite diſſurniſhed my ſelfe until *Saterday* ſo that if you cannot furniſh me with ten Gunys to make up what I have left of my thirty I cannot goe to *Portſmouth* which may coſt my Ruing, and this my deere love I chuſe to depend on you for intreating your Complyance if poſſiable, for which as it will now ſud-

" denly

" denly be in my Favour I will
" moſt eternally juſt and gratful
" dear pray pardon my Kindneſs
" I call Heaven to Witneſs that
" thing on Earth cann ſerve me
" you may in this Matter. And
" I live upone my Honour by
" Loves that is moſt deare to me,
" will make you a juſt Returne
" *Munday* next of all I have
" and if ever yonr Ocations requi
" it will be moſt joyful to lay fif
" Times as much at your Fe
" you know the volger tho' a tr
" ſaying a freind at Ned a friend
" ded, I beg your Anſwer by th
" Bearer and pray my deare be n
" Angary at my Preſumption, for
" you cannot ſerve me, your diſa
" pointment will be enough to lo
" your deareſt Love, and wou
" ſinck me to the Grave, I wou
" have you oblige me with a Li
" and Charge rather to let me ſuff
" then that you ſhould do any thi
" grudingly: I am yours moſt i
" tirely and for ever,

William Fulle

My Deare,

Portſmouth, May 28. 1697

NO Place nor Time ſhall ever make me forget my Love or Gratitude to your deare ſelf, I am juſt now ſworne and ſetteled in my Imploy, and am truly glad to think that my Royal Maſters favors will inable me the more on every Ocation to ſerve my Deare. I am with manny Gentlemen ſoe cannot ſend you the perticuliers of my good Fortune I purpoſe to be in Town a *Thurſday*.

Yours Everlaſtingly,

William Fuller.

My Deare,

June 2. 1697.

I Am bleſſed be God return'd in ſafty haveing taken Poſſeſſion of what I went for, I think noe Man ever came into ſo drunken a Plaiſe as I found *Portſmouth*. I preſume my deare Mrs. will not

" ſuffer

" ſuffer me to come for *London* thi
" Week, I have contracted with
" Gentleman for 1500 *l. Tallyes*, an
" he is to pay me the Monny o
" *Tueſday* next but if your Ocatio
" requier this Week, pray be ſpe
" in your Reply I will come
" *London* on purpos to procure yo
" whatever you want my Journ
" Fees *&c.* coſt me above ſix
" Pounds.

I am for ever, moſt

faithfully your owne,

William Fuller.

My Deare,

June 11. *at eight at Nig*

" I Have a Letter from Court, a
" am obliged to attend the Princ
" a *Sunday* ſo cannot make ſhift

No ones but your own

William Fu

Dear Sir,

June 18. 1697.

COming to take my leave of my Mistress I found several Relations with them, which has prevented my Journey, but I have now dispatch'd a Gentleman post to my Lord Duke of *Shrewsbury* with the Commissions. And I expaickt his Returne att fartheſt one *Tuesday* next, to boath our inner Satisfactions. Just befoare I left the Towne I obtain'd an Order from the Lords for my Payment of my Tallyes which I could not deliver to Mr.——— he not being at home The Monny will be paid this next Week (*viz.*) 500*l.* one *Wensday* next, and the rest one *Saturday*. My Deare, if it may not be to great a Hindrance to your Business, I intreat you to receive it for me as sone as I have your Answer I will send you the Lords Order and a Letter of Attourney one Sigth of which the Monny will be instantly paid with-

" oute

" oute anny Demur. I would be
" th's favor of you by Reaſon
" muſt be done a *Wenſday* morning
" And for manny Obligations I am
" conſtrained to devote that Day to
" the Ladies ſerviſe pray favor me
" with your ſpedy Anſwer other-
" wiſe I muſt ingage ſume othe
" Friend to eckſicute this friendly
" Office for me. Inn order to whic
" I muſt Sighne a Letter of Attour
" ny, which you ſhall have the Mo
" ment I know you can ſpeare ſo
" much Time, I have noe Scrupe
" of your Redineſs to ſerve me
" your Ocations give me but Le
" ſuer my Dear although Mr.—
" has not the Order, I can prevail
" with a Friend to furniſh you wit
" 150*l.* One *Munday* if your Oc
" tions requier it pray be free
" giveing your Commands, and
" will not fail duly to Honur them
" pray give my Service to Mr.—
" and his good Wife, and althoe
" ſhall be married a *Thurſday*
" purpoſe to keep it private unt

the Weeke following for ſume Reaſons that I mentioned to you in part my ſerviſe to my ——

my Hart is truly

and devotedly yours,

William Fuller.

My Deare,

June 21. 1697.

I Know not how to pay my Gratitude but it ſhall be the Buſineſs of my Life my Deare, my Commiſſion hath this Day paſſed Preive Signet and will paſs the Preive and great Seals this Week they will be brot to you, as for my Monny after I left you I was adviſed to make a Promiſe of a Preſent to one of the Clarks of the Treaſury in ceaſe of ſpedy Payment which I have dun. And am promiſed that it ſhall moſt certainly be payd this Week (and

" thus

" thus we pay to get our own)
" was obliged to leave the Ol
" with him, and he has promi
" me manny Proteſtations to p
" you two hundred Pounds t
" Week, however I am going
" my Uncle to morrow and there
" cannot faile, my Mrs gives y
" her humble Serv's, as has comma
" ded me to engage you to H
" nour her with your Company
" dine privately.

I am yours entirely,

William Fu

My Deare,

" I Have both yours and aſſ
" you that the Agonies I f
" for your ſake are a greater T
" ment to me then Death I ha
" ſent Mr. ——— to my Fri
" at the Treaſury to offer him t
" Pounds that he may procure

" Mon

Money this Week ——— ———
and by all that is ſacred you ſhall command what Monny you pleaſe of me.

I am whilſt,

William Fuller.

Deare Sir,

July 19. 1697.

I Have further adviſe that the Ships are howerly expaicted in the *Downes* or at the *Noare* I have a Cargoe on Board vallued at more than a thouſand Pounds, all my owne which you ſhall diſpouſe of as you pleaſe If you will goe with me, and ſuer I am that may be ſerviſeable to you ———. haveing as you muſt believe ſoe good an Intereſt as I may boaſt off with the Cheff Commander who has brought great Returnes from *India*, pray let me ſee you ſpedily to conſult ſuch Meſuers

" as

" as may be Cheffly for both o
" Intereſt,

I am,

Sir yours

faithfully

William Full

My deareſt Love,

July 28. 16

" I Was inform'd Yeſterday th
" you had ſent Baylyes to
" inſtead of coming your ſelf
" greved me becauſe I love y
" but I confeſs it did not much
" fright me knowing my Circu
" ſtances. I have finiſh'd my Bu
" neſs I came aboute, I mean
" Settlements betwixt my Wife
" Relations on each ſide and to m
" row I goe to her and ſhould co
" it a happineſs to have your Co
" pany with me and as ſoon as
" come theare I will not only
" you but ſupply you with w
" e

ever Monny you want, only this if you will goe with me, I muſt entreat you to lend me ten Guineas for I am diſappointed heare, but am going now to receive four thouſand Pounds in part of her Portion as you will ſee in a few Dayes, my deare if you do love me ſhew it in your Compliance, and may juſt Heaven renounce me if I am not truly Juſt and Gratful unto you the Moment it is in my Power.

I am yours,

William Fuller.

My Deare,

Auguſt 3. 1697.

I Have juſt now receiv'd Notice, that the Lords have ordered that I and my Friends ſhou'd go for *Graveſend* and *Chatham* one *Wenſday* Night next, and a ſpeciall Warent is ordered to be redy againſt that time and 50 Gunys I am to receive with it for our Ex-

" pences, I Rely one your goe
" with me, and am very well
" ſuered it will be moare the
" thouſand Pounds advantage to e
" of us, I ned not defier your ſec
" in a matter that your Judgm
" informes me you muſt be kept
" ry privat.

" My Deare, I am a very miſe
" ble poor penny-leſs Fellow,
" will be a Deed of Charitey to h
" me to a Littel: And I hope to h
" my ſelf very ſudenly, I ſhall
" gratfull and in the mean time p
" to God to reward you.

I am yours,

William Fe

Having tired out this Gentlem
Patience, who began to be very
portunate, and *London* being a P
he could not wholly live by, an
he had been a long while from Co
he thought the Miniſters of S
might have parted with the Pr
dice they had againſt him. He

n an impudent Face, and with an
ir of Aſſurance goes to *Whitehall*,
nd with all Proteſtations imagina-
e, aſſures ſome Perſons in Poſt
ere, that he cou'd diſcover many
il Practices againſt the Govern-
ent in *Romney-Marſh*, and to that
nd was attended thither by ſeveral
f the King's Meſſengers at ſeveral
imes, but did not any Buſineſs but
nly cheat the Country, and put the
overnment to unneceſſary Expen-
es. While there, if any one wants
Place he pretends to help him to
ne by his Intereſt at Court, and
ets Money in hand to procure it.
f any one has been an Offender, for
Money in Hand he will ſend him a
Diſcharge. Theſe were ſome of the
Tricks he play'd at *Romney-Marſh*,
or which he received of one Man
wenty Guineas, as Mr. *Brown* one
f the Kings Meſſengers will prove;
eſides, what he received privately
f others, of which and many other
aſe Practices Mr. *Brown* complain-
ng to the Secretary, *Fuller* receiv'd
ſevere Reprimand from his Ho-

nour, and discharged him for e
coming near him afterwards.

Being in Disgrace once more w
the Court, and perfectly known
what he was, 'twas highly necess
he should seek out for another
treague, and rack his Invention
some Exploit or other, to prov
himself with Money, to take a flig
to some remote Town, which h
not yet been so unhappy as to ha
a Knowledge of him. And hear
of a mournful Parent, whose So
Extravagancy had brought him
the Sentence of Death, and wh
he was satisfy'd to be as ready
was able, to lay down a consider
Sum for her Childs Life, *Fuller* wa
on her, and amongst other Roma
ces, tells her his Intereſt was so gr
with the Earls of *Romney* and *A*
marle, as to be capable to get a R
prieve first, and afterwards a Par
for her unfortunate Son. The M
ther who had given him over
lost was overjoy'd at the News, a
expres'd a true Sense of Gratitu
for so kind and unexpected an Of

O

Our Spark ready to ſtrike while Iron was hot, addreſs'd her with Account, that the Charges of whole would amount to two dred Pounds, and that it was al- ether neceſſary he ſhou'd have y in hand to carry on the Mat- The Gentlewoman perceiving hing from his Behaviour that gave the leaſt Suſpicion, and impos'd by a Face which had all the Marks Innocency imaginable, laid down Money, which he made off with, inſtead of waiting on the two le Perſons mention'd, made the of his Way with his Booty to *ſhire*, leaving the mournful Mo- r cheated out of her Money, and poor young Man out of his Life, o being flattered all along with e Hopes (poſſibly to the unhappy glect of his neceſſary Preparation Death) was executed ſome time er.

At his arrival at *York*, he went for Brother to Sir *Robert Cotton*, and es at as high Rate as if he had been *Robert* himſelf, till at laſt finding

the Birds of the City knew Ch
from *Corn*, he prepared for movin
and going to Mr. *Thomas Tireman* th
Superintendant of the *Post-Offic*
ſtrikes in with him for five Guinea
and draws a Bill on his pretende
Brother Sir *Robert*, with a Letter
advice to him, both which take
follows from the Originals, whic
are copied by Mr. *R. Tireman* Broth
to the foreſaid Poſt-maſter.

For Sir Robert Cotton *Knt. a*
the General Poſt-Office inn Lo
don.

Deare Brother,

York, June 16. 169

" MY Monneys falling Shor
" I am obliged to give yo
" the Trouble of a Bill for five Gu
" neas only, which I deſier you
" pay, the Moment it comes to yo
" hand; I borrowed it of Mr. *Th*
" *mas Tireman* who officiates for th
" Widow at the *Poſt-Office* hear
" whom I found very ready to ſerv
" me

ne, I presume mostly inn Respect o you. I purpose to see you a *Wensday* next.

I am Sir,

Your loving Brother,

William Fowler.

Copy of Mr. R. Tireman's *Lines nder the before written Letter.*

ONE *Simpson* whom he kept as his Valet, owns he was then with him at *York*, and that he took five Guineas (they going at 22 *s.* of my Brother,

Robert Tireman.

The true Copy of the Bill.

For Sir Robert Cotton *Knt. at the General Post-Office inn* London.

Sir,

York, June 16. 1698

"ONE Sigth of this my only Bill, pray pay unto Mr. *Richard Tireman*, or Order the Sum of 5 *l.* 10 *s.* Ster. and Place it to the Account of,

Sir your,

loving Brother,

Williams Fowler.

Mr. *Tireman's* Notes at the Bottom of the Bill.

Sir *Robert* says, he never heard of such a Person in all his Life.

After this Piece of *Forgery*, he takes Horse and changes his Place of Residence for *Newcastle* upon *Tyne*, where he

muſt needs paſs for a Man of
te, and pretend himſelf a Perſon
t down by his Majeſty's Dire-
ons to have an Eye on the Proce-
gs of the Gentlemen of the Coun-
and make a narrow Inſpection
o the Management of Affairs in
t Town. Two Parliament Men
o were much concerned that his
jeſty ſhould have the leaſt Suſpi-
n of any diſloyal Practices in a
wn and County which had done
ſuch remarkable Services, got
Mayor of *Newcaſtle* to write to
. Secretary *Vernon*, in order to
ow the Truth, and acquaints him
h what was ſo impudently atte-
d. The Mayor received for An-
er, That Mr. Secretary knew no-
ng of the Matter, neither had the
ng Knowledge of any Perſon he
d given ſuch an Employment to.
e Letter being ſhewn to *Fuller* in
ublick Coffee-houſe in the Town,
ere he was in Company with Per-
s of the beſt Note, *And what of*
this (ſaid he) *the Secretary is not en-*
ſted with Matters of ſuch Moment.

He Acts only within a certain Sphe
the King my Royal Maſter, and h
Grace the Duke of Shrewsbury, *kno*
other Things, and he would write a L
ter immediately to his Majeſty and t
Duke, which they ſhould ſee. Acco
dingly, he puts Pen to Paper, an
draws up Complaints to the Kin
and Duke of his Reception, and th
little Credit which was given to
Perſon of that Character, his Maj
ſty had honoured him with: Som
of the Gentlemen deſired they mig
ſee them carried to the *Poſt-Offi*
which *Fuller* readily granted, an
the Kings Letter was put in the Ba
but a Perſon there knowing the Du
to be in the Country for the Rec
very of his Health, takes the Lett
which was directed to the Duke
his Houſe in *London*, and ſends
away by Man and Horſe, in ord
to have a ſatisfactory Anſwer. B
the Man brought his Graces Anſw
too late, which was the ſame in Su
ſtance with Secretary *Vernon*'s. F
our pretended Spy finding he m
be detected, ſhould he ſtay till t

Retu

eturn of the Meſſenger, goes next orning to a Gentleman, whoſe Ac- uaintance he had inſinuated into, nd borrowing his two Horſes, Cloak nd Man, for the conveniency of a ttle freſh Air, rode down towards he Sea-ſide, and alighting ſome Di- ance from the Place where the Col- iers were, told the Man, he muſt ay there with the Horſes, whilſt he ent and made a ſtrict Search after everal Abuſes, which were among he People of that Trade, by bring- ng over Men diſaffected to the Go- vernment; but inſtead of inquiring nto other Folks Tricks, he had one o put in Practice himſelf, and find- ng a Veſſel ready to put in for *Weſt- Cheſter*, he makes off with the blew Cloak, leaving the Man to carry the News of the Loſs of it to his Ma- ſter. *Fuller* the firſt Night lay in that City, but for Fear of Diſcovery by Ships daily putting in from *New- caſtle*, took ſhipping next morning, under Pretence of going to *London*, but baiting at a Market Town, and finding the Temper of the People very

very proper for him to work upon, he told the Coachman his Intentions were changed, and he would ſtay there for ſome Days, and his Coach ſhould call him when he drove next thro' the Town. Here he took upon him the Character of chief Director of his Majeſties *Poſt-Office*, and had the Confidence to diſcharge an Inn-keeper from being Poſt-Maſter, and for thirty Guineas paid down diſpos'd of it to another, which he that was diſcharged hearing of, humbly beſeech'd his Worſhip not to ruin him and his Wife and Children: But *Fuller* was inexorable, and nothing could prevail till he was juſt going to leave the Country, and then out of Pity and mere Compaſſion gave his Acceptance of fifteen Pound, and reſtored mine Hoſt by the ſame Authority he had diſcharged him. The Inn-keepers Names at their own Requeſts are concealed, but at *Namptwich* the Story may be confirmed.

From thence he came to *London*, and was at his Wits ends to find a

Place

ace to hide his Roguiſh Face in, l at laſt he pitch upon *Arundel-reet* as a Place of Security, by Rea-n of its nearneſs to the Water-ſide; d whoſe Houſe ſhould he pitch on, t one Mrs. *Smith*'s a Widow Wo-an, that kept a Houſe for Lodgers xt the *Cheſhire-Cheeſe*. He came in e Night with riding Bags in his and, Boots on, *&c.* appearing like e off a Journey, and told the Wo-n of the Houſe he was a Country ntleman, that was juſt then arri-d from paying a Viſit to his Maje-at *Loo*, who was likewiſe ſhortly pected in this Kingdom, and ha-ng a Character of her from ſome ntlemen of his Acquaintance, he ended to be her Lodger, provided had Rooms good enough to give n ſuitable Reception. The Gen-woman deſired him to walk in, d having ſhew'd him her beſt oms he made choice of one, and reed with her for her own Price. mattering not what he agreed for, ce he deſign'd no Manner of Pay-nt, he had not been here two Nights,

Nights, but he began to bounce
his Intimacy with the King, t
Number of his Servants, and t
Greatneſs of his Equipage, which
expected from beyond Sea when t
King came.

Eliſon was the Name he chang
his own for, and perſonated a Ge
tleman of a conſiderable Eſtate
the *North*, had abundance of Reſp
paid him. No Money for Lodgi
was ask'd for in a conſiderable Ti
ſeveral Sums were lent him, and
Cook hard by ſo poſſeſs'd of our p
tended Gentlemans Abilities, that
let him run in his Debt very deep
Sometimes Mr. *Hern* (Sir *Joſephs* S
was his Brother in Law, another T
the Lady *Herbert* was his Siſter. T
Goldſmith his Banker now, and t
ſuch a one had his Moneys in
Hand; till at laſt, by his ſhift
Relation from one Family to a
ther, the old Womans Eyes began
be open, and what confirm'd her
the Juſtice of Suſpicion, was
Kings Arrival without any New
Mr. *Elliſon*'s Equipage. This m

r put him in Mind of going to ſee
s Horſes debark. *Fuller* found that
e began to ſmell out his true Qua-
y, yet he continued to look as big
ever, told her, his Steward thro'
iſtake had landed them at a Port
ar his Seat in the *North*, but they
ould ſoon make the beſt of their
ay to Town, when they had
nowledge of his being there. This
ade her eaſy for ſome time, and
uſing her with another Story that
e King had made him one of the
ommiſſioners of the Exciſe, which
e would find inſerted in the next
hurſdays Gazette. The Woman be-
eved it, but when *Thurſday* came,
d no Mr. *Elliſon* was found made
Commiſſioner of the Exciſe, ſhe
as at her Wits end to be impos'd
n by a beardleſs Boy, who had
dged a Quarter of a Year with her
r nothing, and borrowed Money
ſubſiſt himſelf beſides. She up-
raids him with not being in the
azette, and deſir'd the Money that
as due to her, which he had not Abi-
ty nor Intentions to pay; however,

Mr.

Mr. *Elliſon* ſalv'd the Matter with not being ſworn, and that it was not uſual to make ſuch Grants publick, till the Perſon had taken the cuſtomary Oaths. But the old Woman having got his own Name by Accident (*viz.*) his Barber's writing *Mr. William Fuller's* Wig on his Band-Box, and one Mr. *Martyn* another Lodger confirm'd her in her juſt ſuſpicions, told him, ſhe would ſtay no longer for her Money, and muſt have it immediately. *Fuller* knowing not how to get rid of her, put on a ſeeming Air of Neglect, and ſaid, he would take her with him to his Bankers in *Lombard ſtreet*, where ſhe ſhould have her Money. The Woman agreed to go, but fearing ſome Trick, deſired Mr. *Martin* to bear them Company, which he readily conſented to. But *Fuller* had other Thoughts that ran in his Head, and could not by any means go before the morrow, for now he remember'd himſelf, he was to meet Company at the Tavern that Inſtant, and ſtepping up to his Chamber took his

Newcaſtle

ewcaſtle Cloak, not having Oppor-
nity of moving his other Effects,
hich the Woman has ſince had ap-
aiſed, and ſold for three Pound
d Money, and forced from his
ndlady who had him by the Coat,
ving her with the Loſs of upwards
ten Pounds. A Day or two after
plys her with Letters for what he
d left in his Room, which we have
en from the Originals, that are
w in the Hands of Mrs. *Smith*,
o ſince removed to a Chandlers-
p in *Plumtree-ſtreet*, St. *Giles*.

Mrs. Smith *at her Houſe next*
Doare to the Cheſhire-Cheeſe
n Arrundell-ſtreet *in the* Strand.

Mrs. *Smith*,

Kenſington, *January* 16. 98.

I Am obliged to be from Home
two or three Days about ſume
uſineſs of Moment, pray be not
neſie for I will bee with you a-
" gaine

" gaine ſudenly, and prove my ſelfe
" truly juſt

And your

faithful Friend

and Servant,

Eliſon

Pray do not fail to let me hav
ſume clean Linnen ſpedily.

Good Mrs. Smith,

January 12. 169

" YOU may believe that it
" no ſmall conſerne that kee
" me from my Lodging, for as ſo
" as poſſiable I will be with yo
" and others (which will be in
" Day or two after to morrow)
" you have not let your other Ro
" keep them, for 'tis poſſible, I m
" bring moare Gueſs, and ſuch
" may pleaſe you, pray let all
" kept very cleane, and my Shi
" ready for we ſhall come certain

my Servis to Mr. *Martyn*, and my Love to Mrs. *Betty*,

I am your

faithful Friend

and Servant,

Elliſon.

Mrs. *Smith*,

Kenſington, January 17. 98.

I Am ſorry you ſhould uſe me ſo unkindly by my Servant. For if any Miſtake happened in my Letters miſcarrying, it was occaſioned by a Gentleman to home I gave it and deſered him to deliver it to you with his own Hand. However, I find Ingratitude natural to oald Age, tho' I did alwaies eſteme you a good Woman and a Chriſtian; nor ſhall your unkindneſs make me unjuſt. For before *Saturday* Night I will infallibly come, and pay you and others. And ſhall I ſuppoſe lie

" one

" one Night or two in my Lodging
" but from that Time you may dis
" poſe of them as you pleaſe and
" then you ſhall know who I am
" and that I ſcorn to deceive you
" or any body elſe as haveing I ble
" God noe Ocation tho' for a Rea
" ſon (not diſhoneſt) conſealed my
" Name.

I am yet

your Friend,

Mrs. *Smith*,

Feb. 16. 1698-9

" I Solemnly proteſt to you, tha
" nothing Troubles me ſoe much
" as the Thoughts of your not be
" ing paid, what I doe owe you
" Pray take this as an aſurance tha
" as I implore the Bleſſing and Favo
" of Almighty God, ſoe do I reſolv
" that you ſhall not loſſe one penn
" off your due from me, for I hop
" I am a Chriſtian and a Gentle
" man, Thearfore cannot be ungrate
" ful, nor forget your Favors. I in

" tre

treat you for Gods ſake, for your own Intereſt, and for my Conſcience ſake, that you will ſend me the Sute of Linnen by my Servant, and I have given him Orders to tell you my Name, and to bring you to me the moment you deliver my Linnen to him, pray let me perſwaid you to be your owne Friend and myne, you may by this ſecuer your Money and engage me your harty Friend (for I Reſpeckt you) and from my Soule I mourne that I made a Raſh Voue never to pay you untill you had ſent that Linnen. I believe you feare God and deſier his Mercy, which the beſt one Earth do want. Thearefore as you Pray to be forgiven. I intreat you to Pardon mine, whatever I have acted or ſaid to your diſquiet, either thro' my Paſſion, or by Miſtake. My Servis to Mr. *Martyn*, and if you comply with my Requeſt I ſhall come and ſee you often, and we may be Friends and Serviſable to each other. I am

" ſuer

" ſuer it is my deſier. And I tr
" pray God it may be yours, y
" may aſſuer the *Cook* and my *B*
" *ber* that I will ſend them they
" Monny ſuddenly, for the n
" Week I ſhall pay off all my De

I am

your Friend

and Servant.

Tho' the Hypocrite play'd his P
to a Miracle, the good Woman
thro' the Diguiſe, and *Fuller* mi
have writ till his Heart ach'd be
ſhe could think that Man detai
her Money on a *Principle* of Religi
who had kept it from her only
cauſe he had *none*.

The next Place we find him p
ing his Tricks was at *Southamp*
and acted on his *Newcaſtle* Bott
pretends he was ſent by his Maj
to regulate Abuſes, which had c
into the Cuſtom-houſe, *&c.* He
the Title, but we cannot ſay the
quip

uipage of the Lord *Fuller*, for 'tis eceſſary to leave thoſe things be-ind, in Caſes of going where quick-eſs of Diſpatch is required. The Character he gave out he came with as ſufficient to recommend him to he Gentlemen round about; ſo af-er a pretended View into the Miſ-arriages of Officers in publick Truſt, e began to complain of his own, iz. Returns of Money. This Op-ortunity ſpurr'd on ſome that were fraid of being caſhier'd for Miſma-agement, and others that gap'd at referment to offer him the free Uſe f their Purſes. When he as Mo-eſt in his denial as a Girl at Years f Diſcretion, gave them his Accep-nce in Return for their generous roffer. But a long ſtay where he ad met ſuch obliging Chapmen be-ng not for his Purpoſe, and nothing ore neceſſary than a clean Convey-nce and eaſy Retreat, in order to hich he pretends a Viſit to a certain Duke, but made off for *Salisbury*, and eing ſuſpected, he was purſued, ta-

ken,

ken, and brought back into the co
mon Goal at *Southampton*.

Having taken his Reſidence the
near two Years, and try'd all Stra
gems to no Effect, to perſwade
Creditors to releaſe him, at laſt
bethought himſelf of being a Pri
ner in the *Fleet*, and ſent a Letter
to one Mr. *Whitehead* a Waiter the
that he was confined in *Southamp*
Goal, he being at the ſame time
Priſoner at large in the *Fleet*. T
Whitehead it ſeems had book'd hi
which is as much as to Anſwer
his forth coming to the Warde
and for fear he ſhould put in P
ctice the Threats he ſent up to h
of breaking the Goal, *&c.* which
pretended was very weak, the p
Fellow for his own Security t
out a freſh *Habeas Corpus* at his o
Charges, and brought him up
Town. Where he was no ſooner
rived, but he wheadled in with h
again to take his Word, and in
1700. he crois'd the Sea for *Holl*
and ſince he was well known by
Name of *Fuller* for evil Practices
co

mmitted there, he chang'd it for other. When he came to *Rotter-m*, and looking like a Person of no all Fashion, struck an Acquaintance th an eminent Burgher of the own. Who seeing several preten-d Bills in his Pocket Book, civilly t him Money till he receiv'd the ntents of them, and having no dgings in his own House recom-nded him to a Brothers in a Street acent, where he run in Debt to e Tune of ten Pound in an Instant. t thinking that a small Game, at-pts a greater Stake, away goes r pretended Merchant and puts an Innocent Face, which he ld wear as natural as any Man ing, came to his dear Acquain-ce who help'd him to his Lodg-s, and desired to know, whether could provide him a Merchant t could advance fifty Pounds on Bill drawn upon a Merchant at *sterdam* for two hundred Pounds: s, said the Burgher, and took him a Friend, who not thinking it dent to trust him with so much

Money without having more Kn
ledge of him, ſaid, he knew
Merchant whom it was drawn u
very well, and would advance
whole Sum could he but be cer
it was a true Bill. However,
made him a Compliment and
him he would ſend to *Amſter*
and upon the firſt ſatisfactory
tice he ſhould have the Money.
ler ſeemed very well ſatisfy'd,
being uneaſy for Fear of the Di
very of his ſham Bill, comes ag
to the Burgher the Night before
Merchant could receive any Ad
in order to wheedle him out of
Money. But there happen'd to
one Mr. *Piff* an Officer of the *Po*
Compter, who knowing him, took
Burgher aſide, told him his N
and Manner of living. The Burg
was for asking him for what he o
him in an Inſtant, and telling h
he knew what Account his Coun
man had given him; *Fuller* own'd
Matter of Fact, with many entre
beg'd he would not ruin a Man o
Youth, and to make him ſome

Satisfaction pull'd off his Sword, order to pay in Part for what he ved him. But the Burgher af-ghted at the Sight of so terrible Weapon drawed backward: and off ent the Bill of Exchange-man, and de his escape. The Burgher was sooner out of his Surprize but in mes his Brother, asking where his scally Tenant was, for he had ob'd him of a Trunk and things of lue in it. But he was got to the -side, near which the *Bridgeman* op lay at Anchor, and bargain-with the Commander, Captain ce, because of Money falling short, take a Note of three Pound upon Mr. *Dummer* of the *Temple*, who ew nothing of the Matter, and set for *England*. The Burgher's Name chouſed this time at *Holland*, is *Heer Straatman*.

At his landing in *England*, the firſt ng he did was to put a Trick up-a Man who kept a publick Houſe, beſpeaking a good Supper, and nking the beſt Liquors in his Houſe hout any Money in his Pockets,

and when the reckoning was brou
in, instead of discharging it,
Orders for the Man of the Hous
provide him a good Bed, and
some Servant or other to fetch
Portmantle and several other Goo
he pretended to have on Board
Bridgman Sloop lying at Anchor
by, with the Service to the Capt
and his desires to drink a Glas
Wine with him. His Landlord
doubting his Money from a Per
who had Effects so near, sent im
diately, in the mean while
took his Opportunity to give
the Slip, and made the best of
way for *London*, leaving the good
tur'd Host to lift up his Hands
Eyes, instead of receiving his
honing. Being come to *London*
gain, but something out of Rep
for want of a Taylor. He took a
ging in *Bishopgate-street*, by the me
of a Friend, who procur'd them
him of whom he borrowed a S
which the Creditor will not per
to be named, but it was sufficien
give him a list to make his Ap
ra

nce at one *Stockdale's* an Apothe-
ries againſt *Cragg's-Court* near *Cha-*
g-Croſs.

The Apothecary was highly pleas'd
th his new Tenants Aſpect, and
e Intereſt he pretended to have a-
ongſt the great ones at Court, was
ſmall Motive towards a more than
dinary Reception. The Kings
pothecary's Place ran immediately
his Landlords Head, and nothing
as thought on but a fit Herald
ainter to put up his Arms before
e Shop, *Fuller* had ſo poſſeſs'd him
ith the good he wou'd do him, and
fatuated him with the Noiſe of a
dden Promotion. And the noble
quire now thought himſelf in Cre-
t enough to keep a Servant to wait
him, and after a ſmall ſearch,
e *Thomas Burcat*, formerly a Ser-
nt to the Lord Viſcount *Lanſdale*
as recommended to him, whom he
ceived at nine Pounds a Year Sa-
ry, and eight Shillings a Week
oard Wages. His Man was pun-
ually paid for a Week or two, but
oney beginning to fall ſhort with

his Master, and every now and the
the Squire wanted a Fee for his La
yer, about the Recovery of an E
state of 200 *l. per Annum*, which th
Valet de Chambre very readily la
down, not suspecting but that h
Master was a Person of that Esta
and Quality he profes'd himself o
But as it was improper the Servan
should know the Masters Name, t
Burcat was still importuning him fo
it, that he might acquaint his Friend
in the Country what Gentleman h
served. However, was still put o
with Excuses that Matters in Dispu
made it improper to discover himse
as at that Time, that he was *Incog*
nito upon Account of a certain In
treague which had not as then bee
brought to bear, and that Tim
would discover him to be a Man o
Quality no ways inferior to his for
mer Lord. This silenced him for
while, yet was not altogether fre
from imagining that Matters wen
not with his Master as he would hav
him think. Though the Spark mi
mick'd *Greatness* admirable well, and
be-

aved himself after a Quality man-
so dexterously, that his Servant
gan to abate of his Suspicions;
our Squire pretending he was
der some Disgust with his Father,
at present only an Allowance of
ol. *per Annum.*

His Servant did not believe every
ord he said to him, and thought
Matters stood with him as he
uld have him believe, he could
t have Occasion to borrow Money
him, since 800*l per Annum* would
a great Way with a private Lod-
r. However, he was apt to think
s Affairs might be in a tolerable
ondition, from the Letters which
frequently sent by him to the
nny-Post for Persons of Quality,
d continued without any Appre-
ension of the Loss of his Money or
Vages, till a petty Creditor found
im out, and tho' the Debt was but
ve and twenty Shillings, forced him
o remove his Lodgings. From this
Dun, *Burcat* got his Name and Man-
er of Living, yet whether he was
ewitch'd with his Masters engaging

Behaviour, or was ſenſible his Mo
ney was loſt ſhould he diſmiſs him
ſelf from his Service, he reſolv'd t
continue with him, and brought o
his Linnen with him to one Mrs. *Sin
gers* in *Phenix Street* next the *George
Ale-Houſe*, between *Bloomsbury* an
St. *Giles's*.

Having taken leave of his la
Lodging without any Compliment
or any other Payment to his Land
lord, tho' he deſign'd to ſerve this ſo
yet was mighty Ceremonious to th
good Woman of the Houſe, wh
bleſs'd herſelf what Fortune ha
thrown in her Way ſuch an obligin
Gentleman. Her Diſcourſe amon
her goſſiping Neighbours was in Re
lation to her Lodgers Accompliſh
ments: Neither was *Fuller* behind
hand with her in the ſame Strain
but told her, he had a great Happi
neſs by lighting upon ſuch agreeable
Converſation, and to make himſel
appear like what he would be taken
for, ſet her poor Husband at Work
who was a Carpenter in cleaning
the Cellars, for he expected Wines

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y the first fair Wind to come up the iver for his use, &c. He having hilst here, got a Sum of Money t of Mrs *Harris* a Bookseller, with at he made no small Figure, and any a Pint of Wine was sent for ar Mrs *Singer*. And to make his andlady think that her Tenant was ordinary Person, as he had often ld her before, a Groom was laid t for who was well skill'd in his siness, and qualified to serve a erson that kept his six hunting Hor-s. Accordingly, one *Thomas Beho* eminent Fellow in that Business, d just out of Place was enter'd in Service, with orders to provide a rm Stable with six Stalls, for his other *Norton* of *Hampshire* had just en sent up his Horses, which were far as *Hampton-Court* on their way *London*. The Fellow made it his siness to inquire, and hired one n after at so much a Quarter, and d it clean'd in an Instant, as if his sters Horses were to come in that nute. But Day after Day came thout the Appearance of any Hor-

ſes, at laſt a Letter arrived fro
Hampton-Court with News, that h
Brothers Groom was fall'n ſick o
the Road, which occaſioned the d
lay. *Fuller* ſeem'd ſorry at the diſ
ſter, and told the Groom, he mu
be contented till the Fellow was r
cover'd, in the mean time he was t
have ſeven Shillings a Week boar
Wages.

Beho liv'd like a Gentleman ſom
time, but had the ill Fortune to r
ceive no Money from his Maſter. An
that he might not ſuſpect him, ga
Orders that a Taylor ſhould be ſe
for to make Liveries for the tw
Footmen he expected out of t
Country, and another for *Beho*, a
a genteel Habit for *Bureat* his Gent
man and Bedfellow. And a goo
honeſt Man in the Neighbourhoo
one *Gurney* was recommended, a
had Orders to go and make choi
of the beſt Patterns that were prop
for that Occaſion. The poor Fell
trudg'd about Day after Day, wi
out being capable of pleaſing hi
one had nothing of an Air in him, t
t'oth

ther was too vulgar, till the Fel-
w after a Week in running about,
s put off with this Anſwer; that
would conſult with the Duke of
rfolk about it.

But neither Horſes nor Man ma-
g their Appearance, and the Man
the Houſe (as patient a Landlord
ever was known) having Occa-
n for ſomething to carry on his
ade, he was forced to make a ci-
Requeſt to his Tenant, to oblige
n with the ſmall Matter that was
e to him for Lodging, and other
ings which were bought for him
of his own and his Wife's Pocket.
ller told him, he ſhould have his
oney immediately, and if he
d Occaſion for more, he would
vance any reaſonable Sum, that
uld be neceſſary towards the pro-
ting of the Buſineſs of his Profeſ-
n, and took him along with him
Highgate, pretending to have a
l drawn upon Sir *William Aſhurſt*,
ight and Alderman of the City
London, at Sight. But inſtead of
rying him to Sir *William*'s Houſe,
where

where he pretended to have such an Intereſt, he was left at an *Ale-houſe* while he went out, and return'd with the News that the Right Worſhipful Gentleman was not there, but at his Houſe in *London*, which looking plauſible, contented the poor Fellow.

Matters ſtood thus for a Day or two, and when he went into the City for to receive his Bill the Gentleman it was drawn upon was at his Country Seat, when Fortune reſolved to be his Landlords Friend preventing him from running farther in his Debt. Mrs. *Harris* a Bhokſeller being wrought upon by his fair Speeches, and thinking no Man could be deceitful who had a Face anſwerable to them, lent him a conſiderable Sum, not doubting but his Bills on the Earls of *Romney* and *Albemarle* were real. But having taken Coach with him to *Hampton-Court* in order to receive her Money by the Means of a Note payable at Sight by one of the aforeſaid Noble Peers and finding it a Trick, ſhe ſtaying

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in the Coach while he made towards the Earls Apartments; *Fuller* bringing Word he was just gone for *London*, when one of the Guards had told he was then in the Palace; at last she follow'd the Advice of her Friends, who had often told her, *Fuller*'s Intentions were not Just nor Honourable, and enter'd an Action of Debt against him at the *Poultry* Compter, but how to get at him was the Difficulty, for he walk'd the Streets with abundance of Caution, at last she sent him an Invitation to meet her and some other Ladies at *Pontacks*, *Fuller* jump'd at the Motion, and not doubting but Mrs. *Harris* who had been so kind to him, would rather furnish him with more Money, than trouble him for what was already spent, and promis'd to kiss their Hands at the Time appointed, accordingly *Fuller* goes, and was the first there, and Mrs. *Harris* and a Gentlewoman her Friend were the next that came, after mutual Compliments and a Glass of Wine, the Gentlewoman making as if she would

would call another Lady who liv'd hard by, ſent for Mr. *Knight* and Mr. *Piff* two Officers, and gave them Notice where their Chapman was, and of the Scituation of the Room. Such Men-Eaters as Serjeants are ſeldom backward in Purſuit of their Prey, came into the Room, and ſaluted our Gentleman with a 40*l*. Action at the Suit of Mrs. *Elizabeth Harris*, then in Company with him. Having been over-reach'd by this Contrivance, tho' his Heart was fallen into his Breeches; he ſeem'd to put the beſt Face on a bad Matter, and pull'd off his Hat, with an *I thank you Madam* Harris. But finding ſhe was in earneſt, and reſolute to have her Money, he unskrew'd his haughty Temper a peg lower, and fell to petitioning her to have Compaſſion of his Youth, and not hinder a Perſon who was to be married in a Day or two to a Lady of 15000*l*. Fortune. But Money was more acceptable to her than fair Words, and knew him too well to believe any thing he ſaid. Yet to

ſhew

shew she was not destitute of Humanity, she told him, if he would write a Letter to the great Fortune, and let her send it by one whom she could trust; and if she found any Truth in the Matter, she would immediately release him. But *Fuller* would write by no other to his dear Mistress than his own Servant, therefore was left by Mrs. *Harris* to the Serjeant's Directions, and was carried to the *Grocers-Arms Spunging-House* in *Grocers-Alley* near the *Poultry*.

To be confin'd he could not relish, therefore sent about his circular Letters to implore the Assistance of well disposed Christians, and not willing such a Mischance as this should be known at his Lodgings in *Phœnix street*, he dispatch'd an Epistle to his Man *Burcat*, which gave him Notice he was obliged to be out of Town for a Day or two, and therefore he nor his Fellow Servant had any need to sit up for him. But *Burcat* smell'd a Rat, knowing he was invited into the City; and went and made inquiry at both of the Comp-

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ters for one Mr. *Fuller*, for he knew his Name, tho' his Master did not subscribe his Name to the Letter, and at last met with Mr. *Knight* who directed him to the Place where he was, and where he found him at Dinner upon two Fowls (with Mr. *Whitehead* a Waiter of the *Fleet*. *Fuller* was surpriz'd at him, but forced to own some Debts of about twelve hundred Pounds, was the Occasion of his being there; that he had not at present wherewith to pay the Sum, neither could he raise it without his Liberty, which could not be procured unless he had ten Guineas to turn him over to the *Fleet*, till he could have time to receive his Bills, which were only payable to him in Person. The Fellow being a kind hearted Lad laid him down what he had, tho' he was deep in his Debt before, and acquainted him, that his Fellow Servant *Bebo* had Money by him, and without doubt would serve him at such a Juncture. Wherefore, he wrote him the following Letter, in order to wheedle him out of the

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Sum that was requisite for the *Habeas Corpus*.

Dear *Thomas*,

Dec. 12. 1700.

NOthing has greived me moare then my Misfortunes att the juncture of your coming to me and the disappointment I gave you, but I have just now received a Sume of Money which will discharge all but some small charges of aboute forty Shills. and I know not wheare to get that untill Munday (my freinds being absent) unless I should shamfully dishonour my self and them. If you dear *Tom* cann conveniently or will lend me that I shall come and pay you to morrow Night, which is *Fryday*, and will by all that is sacred make you amply amends, otherwise I must stay untill *Munday* and that will breake my hart, you need not fear that this is anny trick but comes really from him that loves you as himselfe and will ever prove and indulgent faithful Friend to you or

" any

" any that belongs to you. Do not
" take it ill, that I send not for you,
" for I am perswaded I should faint
" to see those I love heare, and your
" fellow Servant's coming was noe
" small surprise to me, and if I have
" not this Monny to clear all to mor-
" row, I desier that you will not in-
" gage your selfe to any other, for
" I shall be above future Misfortunes
" and abell to reward your love and
" honesty

Being ever yours

W.

Having received an Answer according to his desires, he was remov'd to the *Fleet* and was lodged at a Coffee house hard by, without hopes of having so much as the Liberty of the Rules, till his Man *Burcot* bestirr'd himself, and by the help of Justice *Turton*'s Clerk, who used to go the *Northern* Circuit and call at the Lord *Lansdales*, Mr. *Tilley* consented

to his Enlargement, provided any Waiter would Book him down, which is to be answerable for him. *Fuller* knew well enough he had a Man for his turn; and while his Servant was sent into the City on a fleeveless Errand his old Friend *Whitehead* engaged for him; and when his Man came back the Bird was flown, Word being left he was gone to *Hampton-Court*, but he took a Chamber in *Fleet-lane*. And *Burcat* going home to Mrs. *Singers* he the next Day met with the following Epistle, with another enclosed to his pretended Cousin *Anthony Bowyer*, Esq; at his Chambers in the *Temple* which he made bold to open, and found nothing in the inside but plain Paper.

Directed

Directed thus. *To Mr.* Thomas Burcatt *at Mr.* Singars *next Doane to the* Gorge *in* Fænix-street *near* Plumtree-street *in St.* Gilses.

Tho.

Hampton-Court Dec. 16. 1700.

" I came early to this Plase and
" forasmuch as I can not Return
" untill to morrow Night I have go
" a Friend just now coming to Town
" to bring you this, soe deliver the
" incloſed, and with it tell *Tho Beho*
" that I will not fail to pay him to
" morrow and if possible I will send
" him this Night pray continue bot
" of you at my Lodgings least
" should come unexpected

Your Friend,

W.

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The Valet was satisfied now that his Master was a down-right Impostor; therefore took the Liberty of securing two of his old Shirts, which was all he had at that Lodging, in Part for the Money that was due to him, and march'd off, leaving Mrs. *Singer* in expectance of hers, and the honest Groom to lament his Misfortune for the Loss of six Pound eight Shillings in Monies lent, besides his Wages.

It was now he began to make a Bustle about the Birth of the pretended Prince of *Wales*, to which end he publish'd a Book call'd *plain Proof*; and likewise, endeavour'd once more to impose on both Houses of Parliament. Pretending that about the latter end of *February* 1700. one *Jones* came to him, and told him, he design'd to serve the King and Nation, and as an Earnest of his Intentions, desired that *Fuller* would acquaint the Secretary of State of it, and inform him, that Mr. *Jones* was going into *Hampshire* to a *Roman* Catholick Gentlemans House near *Redbridge*,

bridge, and that Father *Johnson*, *William Berkenhead*, and some other dangerous Persons, being come over from *France* into that Country; he the said *Jones* would deliver them up into the Hands of Justice, if the Secretary would send *Fuller* down with a sufficient Number of Messengers to apprehend them. *Fuller* having acquainted Mr. Secretary *Hodges* of the whole Matter of the sham Plot, was attended in the Country by five Messengers. He pretended when the Traytors were fix'd, *Jones* would give him Notice. The Messengers waiting some time in the Country, but no *Jones* nor any Person coming near them with Intelligence where the Traytors they were in Pursuit of might be found, they returned to *London*, and soon after *Fuller* put out a Book, entituled, *Original Letters of the late King* James, *and others*; with *the Depositions of* Thomas Jones *Esq*; and writ a Petition to both Houses of Parliament, upon which, the Lords the fifth of *January* read the following Order.

Die

Die Lunæ 5. Januarij.

It is ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, that Mr. William Fuller *and Mrs.* A. Baldwin *do attend this House on* Wednesday *next at Eleven a Clock in the Forenoon.*

Matt. Johnson Cler' Parliam'

Where he attended and not answering directly to the Question ask'd him, the House made the following Order.

Die Mercurij. 7 Januarij. 1701.

It is ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, that Mr. William Fuller *do on* Wednesday *next at Eleven a Clock produce before this House Mr.* Thomas Jones *mentioned in Mr.* Fuller's *Petition, and Mr.* Jones *shall have the Protection of this House.*

Matt. Johnson Cler' Parliam'

Die Lunæ 12 Januarij. 1701.

After reading a Letter from William Fuller *desiring further Time for his producing*

ducing Mr. Thomas Jones, *it is or-*
dered by the Lords Spiritual and Tempo-
ral in Parliament assembl'd, that Mr.
William Fuller *do peremptorily produce*
the said Mr. Thomas Jones *before this*
House on Monday *next at Eleven a Clock*
in the Forenoon.

Matt. Johnson Cler' Parliam.

The Nineteenth of *January* he was brought to the House of Lords, and examined, but making nothing but shufling Pretences and Excuses, he was by them committed close Prisoner to the *Fleet*, and ordered to be prosecuted by the Attorney General.

January the 21st 1707.

The Commons of *England* in Parliament assembled ordered him to be brought to the Bar of that House to give an Account concerning the Book he publish'd, and how he had been supported, and then remanded him to Prison.

And *February* the Fourth he wrote a Letter to the House of Common

inform them that *Jones* and *Ingleſ-*
ld were near the Town, and deſired
be heard by them. Whereupon
e Commons

Mercurij 4 Die Februarij 1701.

Ordered,

That William Fuller *be at his own*
ſire brought to attend this Houſe to
orrow Morning, and that the Warden
the Fleet *do bring him accordingly at*
n a Clock.

Ordered,

That the ſaid William Fuller *do bring*
homas Jones, *Eſq; and* John Ingleſ-
ld, *Gent. to attend this Houſe to Mor-*
w Morning according to his undertaking,
d the Warrants he has had for that
rpoſe from this Houſe.

Paul Jodrel Cler' Dom' Com.

He appearing but not producing
her of the Perſons, was remanded
Priſon, and ordered by that Houſe,
by the Lords before, to be proſe-
ted by the Attorney General.

He was tried at *Guild-hall* the Twen
tieth of *May* following, before m
Lord Cheif Juſtice *Holt*, and foun
Guilty of *intending the late King* Wi
liam *and his Subjects, to delude and d*
ceive, and to bring the Noblemen an
great Officers, and Miniſters, and o:he
faithful Subjects into Hatred and Co
tempt with the ſaid late King, &c.

He was carried to *Weſtminſter-ha*
to receive Sentence which was as fo
lows.

That he ſhould go to all the Courts i
Weſtminſter *with a Paper pinn'd on h*
Hat expreſſing his Crime; ſhould ſta
Three Times in the Pillory, Two Hou
at a Time, on Friday *following at* Cha
ring-Croſs, *on* Saturday *at* Temple
bar, *and on* Monday *before the* Roya
Exchange; *ſent to* Bridewell *the* Fri
day *after, and there be whipt, and a*
terwards kept to hard Labour until th
Second Day of the next Term, and to
fined a Thouſand Marks.

Friday the Twenty Fifth, *Saturd*
the Twenty Sixth and *Monday* th
Twen

Twenty Eighth of *June*, 1702. were the Days he ſtood in the Pillory; being the Second Time he ſuffered that Puniſhment for endeavouring to impoſe on both Houſes of Parliament, and was at *Charing-Croſs* and *Temple-Bar* ſufficiently palted with all manner of Filthineſs, which the Rabble generally beſtow on ſuch notorious Offenders, but upon his Writing a Letter to my Lord Mayor, he was uſed ſomething more favourably at the *Royal Exchange*. He was brought to *Bridewell* the *Friday* after and whipt, and then kept to hard Labour, and abundance of People flock'd dayly to ſee him beating at the Block.

When his Time was out, he was moved to the *King's Bench*, the Fine ſet on him being ſo great, and ſeveral of thoſe who on Promiſe of Preferment had been his Benefactors charging him with Actions, he now believed he muſt remain within the Priſon as long as he liv'd, without the Hopes of the Marſhal's truſting him with the Liberty of the Rules. And though he was confined to this

little Spot of Ground yet was his evil Genius ſtill at Work, and proved (to the Ruin of ſome of the poor Fellow Priſoners) he had room enough to prey on his fellow Creatures. Tho' he was under ſuch Diſgrace, that any Villain leſs harden'd than *Fuller* muſt have ſunk under the Shame. Yet he behav'd himſelf with a high impudent Air, and pretended he had ſtill great Intereſt at Court, and to make this the more Credible, he had always by him a parcel of Papers like Letters, ready folded up and ſealed, and would frequently come into a Company where there were ſome Perſons he deſign'd to work on, to ask the Favour of one of them that he ſaid he knew wrote a better Hand than he did, to write a Superſcription of a Letter to ſome great Lord or other. He got Sums of Money out of Perſons in the Priſon, pretending to help them to Places in the Exciſe, Cuſtom-houſe, *&c.* ſeveral of the Commiſſioners he pretended being his intimate Friends; and in Term Time when they cou'd

have a Rule to go Abroad, he had generally Five or Six of those poor Fellows dancing after his Heels to the several Places where the Offices for the Excise, &c. were kept, and *Fuller* wou'd leave them waiting at the Door, while he pretended to go into the Commissioners, and would come out with a half Smile, and rubbing his Hands, (which was away he us'd to express his Joy) telling them he had done their Business, and in a Day or Two they wou'd have their Orders, still putting them off till Term was over, when none of them cou'd have the Liberty of stirring out. Amongst the many he cheated in Prison, he hook'd in Mr. *Henry Tr — by* Brother to the late Lord Chief Justice for a very considerable Summ, to help him to the Place of Gunner General of *England*. By these means he trick'd his fellow Collegiates out of great Summs of Money; People in those unhappy Circumstances, being willing to give Ear to what they hope will deliver them from their Confinement, and *Fuller*

had a very expert way in sifting a Man till he found where his blind Side lay, which he would humour and never part with him till he had gained his Point. He won'd often borrow small Summs of Money, which he wou'd be very punctual to pay, with a Thousand Thanks for the Favour, tho' done with no other Design, but to lay hold of a larger another Time. He used to be very busy to enquire into the Prisoners Benefactors, and where they liv'd, and when he found they had any Money sent them, if they refus'd to let him partake of some of it, he wou'd threaten to write to the charitable Person that sent the Present and tell them the Prisoner was very Extravagant, or had no occasion for Assistance, which that they might fear him the more, he has sometimes done to the almost starving of the poor Prisoner.

He could suit his Temper to fit every one he had to do with, and work them to his own Ends by so smooth a Way, that they are entan-

gl'd

g'd before they can apprehend the leaſt Danger: With the grave he is ſober, with the joyful merry, and with the debauch'd he's lew'd; and *Proteus* like appears in as many Shapes, as he deſigns to perſonate.

It was his Cuſtom, if a Priſoner tollerably cloath'd, and had a ſmall Parcel of Money by him, happen'd to be near the Point of Death, he would accompany the Miniſter to pray with him, or in his abſence will officiate for him, thereby thinking to infuſe into the Mind of his Fellow Priſoners the Care he has for a Man's Salvation; when his hypocritical Piety is only to carry on his Deſign: For by theſe Tricks he has a freer Acceſs to the Sick, whom he ſitting on the Bed by him, pretends to whiſper, and ſoftly tells the Company, the dying Man has ſomething of Moment to impart to him, ſo deſires them to withdraw. After ſome Time ſpent, which is employ'd in pilfering what he can conveniently Pocket; he recalls the Company, and tells them, the departing Bro-

ther desires a Letter might be wrot to his Relations or Friends to tak Care of his Burial, which he proffer himself to perform; then asks th expiring what he is willing to hav done with such and such things, wh not immediately answering (says *Are you content that I for my Care an Trouble pick out of your things some fe I have a Mind to keep for your Jak* the sick Person by being light-headed perhaps replies *Yes*, or for ease stret ches out his Hand, which Motio he tells the Standers by is the Toke of Consent, and what he likes imme diately calls his own, which are on ly every thing of Worth: And befor the Breath has left the sick Person his Cloaths has been turn'd into rea dy Rhino.

It may seem strange to those who are unacquainted with this Prodigy of Nature, that he should meet with any Success in his Pretensions to dis pose of Places, considering where he was, or that he should gain Credit to induce them to a Belief of his ha ving Interest with Persons of Distinction,

ation, by whom he had been deſervedly puniſh'd, yet by his Impudence and the Methods he us'd, he impos'd on ſeveral Perſons who were very well acquainted with his Villanies.

Mr. *W———m L———s* a Priſoner of the *King's-Bench*, tho' a Man of a penurious Temper, covetous to the laſt Degree, yet *Fuller* attacks him; after he had borrowed ſeveral trifling Sums (which he punctually repaid) and having wheedled himſelf into the old Gentlemans Favour; he told him, he had long ago received a Patent for diſpoſing of ſeveral Places in the Government, in Conſideration of the eminent Services he had done, and pretended to have a particular Eſteem for Mr. *L———s*, promiſes to make him Deputy Gunner of *England*, a Place worth 300 *l. per Annum*. Mr. *L———s* was ſtrangely allur'd with the great Hopes of Preferment, but being of a miſtruſtful Temper, was dubious of the Truth of what he had told him, and only return'd Thanks for the de-

ſign'd Kindneſs. *Fuller* perceiving the Joy of the old Man, and that his Project had taken footing, contrived the next Day to be in Mr. *L*——— Room, when he expected one of his Emiſſaries to bring a Letter as he pretended from the Duke of *Shrewsbury*'s Gentleman, which *Fuller* having open'd and perus'd, gave it to Mr. *L*———*s* to read, telling him he had taken ſuch Steps unknown to him as would ſhortly let him ſee his ſincere Friendſhip. The Letter ſet forth, *it was the Dukes Order that he ſhould let Mr.* Fuller *know, his Grace was ready to grant the thing requeſted.* *Fuller* diſmiſs'd the Letter Bearer, and aſſures Mr. *L*———*s* with an Impudence uncommon, that himſelf was the Perſon he had recommended, and that he ſhould certainly have the Place in a Months Time. Some few Days after came the ſame Meſſenger from the Dukes Gentleman to acquaint *Fuller*, that all things were in a fair Way, but a little Money was wanting, which muſt be had for the Clerks, *&c.* *Fuller* tells Mr. *L*—

L——s of a great Diſappointment he had met with from ſome who ow'd him Money, which was the only Cauſe induc'd him to ask him (for his own good) to advance 10*l.* to accompliſh the Deſign, with dreadful Imprecations, aſſuring him, the ſaid Sum ſhould be apply'd to no other Uſe than paying the neceſſary Charges for paſſing the Patent, this being ſeconded by the other confirm'd the old Gentleman, who readily pay'd the Money. Some ſmall Time after, another of the ſame Fraternity makes his Entrance, and is to appear as the Duke of *Shrewsbury*'s Gentleman, his Errand is to let *Fuller* know his Lord is ſuddenly call'd out of Town, and order'd him to acquaint *Fuller* of it: But at his return the Affair ſhould be done out of Hand. (This was ſpoke in *Fuller*'s Room at ſuch a Time and with ſuch a Voice that Mr. *L*——*s* might hear it.) *Fuller* at this pretends to be much concern'd, his Friend will be uneasy, and deſires he may hear of the Diſappointment from the pretended Gen-

Gentlemans own Mouth, who rea
dily Conſents, and Mr. *L*———*s* i
call'd in. And the Story is told wit
large Encomiums on Mr. *Fuller'*
great Intereſt at Court, this ſatisfie
our Gunner General, and the preten-
ded Gentleman took his Leave, wit
an Aſſurance it ſhould be done th
Day his Lord came to Town. Som
Time being paſt, and *Fuller* fearin
delays ſhould be dangerous, reſolv'
to make another Attempt with whic
he deſigns to give the finiſhing Stroke
finding himſelf entirely Maſter o
Mr. *L*———*s* Affections by the ma
ny wheedles he had made uſe of
and having prepar'd him by Hints t
expect another Requeſt, and meetin
with no Denial, at laſt brings it to
Period; and finding a favourable
Opportunity, asks to borrow no leſ
a Sum than 30*l.* under Pretence o
applying the greateſt Part of it to hi
Advantage, and to deal (ſeemingly
ſincere the Remainder to his own
Uſe, having a preſent Occaſion fo
a ſmall Matter himſelf: But does no
ask this Favour without a certainty
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of Ability and ſteadfaſt Reſolution to make a ſpeedy Payment, with a conſiderable Premium for the Loan of the Money. The largeneſs of the Sum caus'd ſome Scruples in our Place Purchaſer, but the confidence he had in *Fuller*, and the deſire of Gain, made him inclinable to advance it: And told *Fuller*, he would conſider a Day or two of it, and let him know his Reſolution. In which Time with a ſtrict Obſervation on *Fuller*'s Behaviour (who was ſure to ſteer for his own Advantage) and had Viſits and Letters from pretended Men of Rank, which induces the old Man to lend the Money. Which *Fuller* after receiving being conſcious of his Guilt, and deſiring to ſhun the Frowns of one he had thus injur'd, reſolves to Purchaſe the Liberty of the Rules, which he did with Part of that Money paid to the Marſhal, but ſome Days being taken up before he could get his Liberty, to amuſe the old Man, he tells him of a ſtrange Diſcovery of the Art of Writing inviſible to all but thoſe inſtructed

ſtructed with the Secret, this he pre-
tends was communicated to him by
an *Italian*, whom in his Travels he
had highly obliged; and Sir, (ad-
dreſſing himſelf to Mr. *L*———*s*)
I am reſolv'd to impart this advanta-
geous Secret to you, upon your Pro-
miſe never to divulge it. Finding
Mr, *L*———*s* pleas'd with the No-
velty, a long Story is told to ſet
forth its Excellency, a Rehearſal is
made of the mighty Feats perform'd
by it. But before he imparts this
ſham Secret, ſome Ingredients ſhall
be prepar'd, that its wonderful Effi-
cacy may be ſeen. The Materials
being bought, he would not let him
know what they were till he had
try'd their Virtue: He brings him a
ſmall ſtone Bottle half full of Water,
into which he put the ſeveral Mix-
tures, telling him, it muſt be ſhook
two Hours every Day for the Space
of three Days, which he undertook
to do, at the end of which he added
ſomething more, and order'd him to
continue his former Exerciſe, and
then the laſt Ingredient was brought,
and

and a great Charge given that he ſhould ſhake on a Week longer, and not open the Bottle on any Account; for if he did, the Virtue of the whole would be loſt. Theſe Deluſions prevail'd with him to hold on according to his Directions four Days longer, and to amuſe him, vow'd with many bitter Imprecations, his other Buſineſs went on as well as he could deſire. But the fourth Day as he was ſhaking his Bottle to the great uneaſineſs of his aching Arms, and ruminating on the Delays he found in obtaining his promis'd and expected Poſt: News was brought (as dreadful at firſt as Sentence to a guilty Wretch) that *Fuller* had obtain'd the Liberty of the Rules and was gone, and then perceiv'd he was gull'd out of his Money to Purchaſe his Liberty.

Fuller being now at his full Range, and ſeeking whom he ſhould devour, the firſt that fell in his Clutches was one Mr. *R*———*s* a Perſon of Induſtry and Repute, who kept an Ale-houſe and a Coopers-ſhop: Here

Fuller

Fuller takes a Lodging, where he ha not been long, but by his Profuſe neſs, and a continual Appearance ſham Footmen enquiring for the pre tended Eſq; he perſwaded the goo Man and his Wife to believe he wa a Perſon of no ſmall Eſtate, an finding them of a Temper eaſy to b wrought on, he ruin'd the Famil after the following Manner. Preten ding to have a particular Eſteem fo the old Man, he ſeems to pity hi on Account of his hard Labour, an by his uſual way of wheedling, per ſwades him to leave off the Cooper Trade, aſſuring him in lieu thereo he would make him his Steward which Place was eaſy to officiate and 50 *l. per Annum* ſhould be his Sa lary. This fair Story and *Fuller's* Greatneſs, being continually buſs'd in the Cooper's Ears, induces him t leave off his Trade of Coopering and ſell his Shop Goods: In ſhort he was dubb'd Receiver General o the Iſſues and Profits of a Fellow Eſtate, who was never worth one Foot of Land: And now the Time

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was come that he was to go into *Kent* to collect his Master's Rents: A Horse was bought for the Expedition, a Rent Roll containing a List of the Estates of some of the best Gentlemen in *Kent* is delivered, and full Power given him to receive the Revenues. The honest Cooper having taken his last Instructions, and being ready to mount, in comes a sham Footman, and inquires for Esq; *Fuller*, and gave him a Letter, and with an audible Voice (says) *his Lord gives his Service.* *Fuller* on the reading the Letter, counterfeits a great Concern, cry'd out his Honour was ruin'd, and he should lose my Lords Favour; with such like Expressions he pulls out a Purse with about Forty sham Guinea's, and counting them over, (says) he yesterday parted with his Money, not thinking my Lord would have sent so soon, but he had drawn a Bill on him for 100*l.* and he wanted 60*l.* to make up the Sum: The poor Steward was mightily concern'd for his Master, and did not imagine this Bait was to

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catch him. But *Fuller* attacks him thus; Mr. *R*———*s* you'll be at Mr. *Gilbert Heaths* (one of the Tenants) to Night, there is 100*l.* due from him, which he will pay you immediately, if you can furnish me with 60*l.* you may repay your self and I'll allow you a handsome Gratification.

The honest Man was too far involv'd to look back, and could not deny his Masters Request, fetches the Money and lends it the Esq; who soon dismiss'd the Footman with it to wait at a Place till he came to ease him of his Burthen. *Fuller* after taking a parting Glass with his Steward, in his absence barbarously cheated the poor Woman (the Coopers Wife in the following Manner. The Day after the Stewards Departure came a Messenger dress'd in a Countrymans Habit, and enquires for the Esq; and being admitted into his Honours Presence (the good old Woman sitting by) pretends abundance of Joy, and in an effected Country Dialect, after Permission given to

down, he acquaints his Worſhip, at the Tenants all long to ſee him: Squires ſuch and ſuch preſent their ervice, and all in our Part of the ountry are uneaſy at your long Abnce; for (addreſſing himſelf to the oman) I do aſſure you the Eſquire belov'd all over the whole Couny. Your new Steward (an't pleaſe ou) lay laſt Night at Mr. *Gilbert eaths* my Maſters, and this Mornng I was ſent with a Letter (which as then produc'd) and was to the ffect following.

Worthy Sir,

I Came in the Evening Yeſterday to *Tenderden*, and found your Tenant Mr. *Gilbert Heath*, I have not Time now to look over the Farm, thinking to do it at my Return from the further Part of your Worſhips Eſtate: I have received the laſt two Years Rent; and if you ſhould want any Money before I come up, I will ſend it on a Line from you, deſigning

" from

" from time to time to let you kno
" where I am, and how to direct
" me; my Wife has about 40*l.*
" the House, which I hereby ord
" her to pay if you think fit to c
" for it,

I am Sir, *&c.*

Fuller upon reading the Letter as the pretended Countryman if h Steward had sent any Money by hi No Sir (replies the crafty Knav but I heard him say to my Maste he sent his Wife Word to pay yo some if you do please: *Fuller* seem a little dissatisfied, saying, his Ste ard knew what Money he had w pay'd the Day before to the Lor and pretended this was a great N glect: However, what Money h had present Occasion for must b paid by the good Woman, and giv the counterfeit Letter to read, as ing her whether she knew her Hu bands Hand, and finding her sati fied therewith demanded thirty Gu neas, which was immediately pr duc

c'd, with begging Pardon for her
sbands Careleſsneſs.

This being all he well knew he
s to expect there; being in a
nner their whole Subſtance, he
ceives it, and ſays, if he ſhould
ve a further Occaſion he would
d to her Husband, and having
de his Accomplice Drink (preten-
g to buy ſome Things to ſend into
Country) they both march off
ſnack their Prey.

We muſt now return to our ima-
ary Steward, who is arriv'd in
, and as his Roll directs him,
s at the Houſe of *G*—— *F*——
uſtice of Peace for that County:
tells the Gentleman he came
m his Landlord Eſq; *Fuller*, and
manded the laſt half Years Rent:
e Gentleman being a facetious
ſon takes the Steward in, and
s his Power, which was produc'd
h the Rent Roll, containing the
mes and Eſtates of ſome of the
t Men in the Country; the Gen-
man heard the whole Story of the
neſt Man, and aſſur'd him, he was

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impos'd upon. That *Fuller* nev
had a Foot of Land that he knew
and advis'd the Wanderer to retu
Home: However, to be better sa
fied, would first have him go to
neighbouring Gentleman, the ne
in the Rent Role, and he wou
accompany him thither: A like D
mand was made there; this was
old testy Spark, and at that Ti
much afflicted with the Gout (a
also a Justice of the Peace) and i
stead of paying Rents, calls
Clerk to make a Mittimus to se
the poor Fellow to *Maidstone* Go
as an Accomplice of *Fuller's* in che
ing the Country. The other Ge
tlemans interposing got that off, u
on relating the foregoing Story, a
the poor Man was dismiss'd with
Charge to leave the Country, a
never come there again on such
Errand. This was a fatal Stroke, t
only Comfort was the small Sto
left at Home: But at his return
his Sorrow, his Wife let him kn
she had obey'd his Letter, and pa
thirty Guineas to the Esq; in sho
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he poor Man finding himſelf ruin'd ook his Bed, and in a few Days ied with Grief.

After this inhuman Exploit, we nd him at Mrs. *B*———*tt*'s a Wi- ow Gentlewoman and in good Cir- umſtances near the *Faulcon* by the Vater-ſide, whoſe Houſe was fur- iſh'd in a very ſplendid Manner; e equips one of his Aſſociates in he Garb of a Footman, and ſends im there in order to take him Lod- ings; but not without giving him ull and ample Inſtructions how to ehave himſelf withal, not to for- et to give him an extraordinary Character to Mrs. *B*———*tt*. Away oes *Tom* (for ſo did his Eſquire call im) to take the Lodgings: And hundering at the Door, ſtartles with he unuſual Noiſe the good old Gen- lewoman, who as faſt as her Legs would let her, runs to ſee who it was diſturb'd her peaceful Manſion. t the approach of the Matron with reat Obſequiouſneſs off goes his Hat, and with a Congee or two to he Ground (to ſhow his Courtly breeding)

breeding) after Entrance, delivers his Meſſage. *Madam, being ſent by my Maſter to take him a Lodging on this ſide the Water, the Proſpect of your Houſe ſeems to promiſe an Accommodation ſuitable to his Quality, and if you will let out ſome Part of it, you ſhall have your own Price, for my Maſter is a Gentleman of Honour, whoſe Buſineſs is chiefly at Court, and chuſes ſuch a Lodging as a Retreat from State Affairs, he'll be no great Trouble to you, being obliged to a conſtant Attendance on the Queen, and his Inſight into Matters of the greateſt Moment, has gain'd him great Eſteem.* The Gentlewoman with a modeſt Countenance tells him, part of her Houſe is at the Service of any Perſon that would honeſtly pay for it: And asked *Tom*, if by his Maſter's Intereſt a Poſt becoming a Gentleman might be procur'd. Now is *Tom*'s cunning ſhown this was the Queſtion he wanted, knowing Madam to have a Son brought up like a Gentleman, and deſirous of a Place in the Government, and ſhe Money enough to purchaſe him one: With a deceitful

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ountenance copied from the Origi-
l his Maſter, *Tom* Anſwers, *Did*
u *know Madam, but how many Gen-*
men are now flouriſhing in Places my
aſters Intereſt has got them, it would
uſe your Admiration. And if, Ma-
m, you have a Son or Nephew, or any
her Relation or Friend, whom my Ma-
r can ſerve in ſuch an Affair, I que-
ion not but after an Acquaintance, you
ay command him: By theſe Stories
elieving ſhe ſhould entertain ſome
oble Gueſt, diſmiſſes the Servant,
ith a Promiſe to keep that Part of
e Houſe he had pitch'd upon for
is Maſters Uſe, till he ſhould come.
Our imaginary Eſq; was all this time
t an Hedge Ale-houſe, waiting the
Return of his truſty Meſſenger, who
arting with the old Gentlewoman,
nd fluſh'd with the joyful Tidings
e had to impart, ſoon arrives at the
ttle blind *dark* Houſe, inſtead of
he Palace where he had pretended
o have left his Maſter: His Counte-
ance plainly declares a Victory;
nd now Maſter, cries he, I believe
ou are upon an Affair that will turn

to a far better Account than M
R——*s* did; for her Houſe
nobly furniſh'd, and ſhe muſt nee
be a wealthy Woman: I *was w*
aſſur'd of that, replies the other, or
would not have ſent you to her, for
have nothing to do with poor Folk
Fuller then deſir'd to know the Pa
ticulars of *Toms* proceedings, whic
was told; and his own Manageme
in the Affair was not a little magn
fied: And now Maſter, cries *To*
ſince you have ſo noble a Game i
in Chaſe, and I am to be a Pa
Actor, let us come to an Agreemen
how the Spoil ſhall be divided; ſo
it is unfair I ſhould beat the Buſh
and you run away with the Hare
as your Cuſtom is; for inſtead o
ſnacking what we get, you hav
cheated me more than forty Time
at leaſt: *Fuller* knowing the leaſ
thing he could do was to make fai
Promiſes, tells *Tom*, he ſhould cer
tainly have one third of what wa
got: And thus the Eſquire and *To*
being agreed they move jointly t
try to pick the Pocket of this good
Widow

idow. *Fuller* having loiter'd away Week, is now reſolv'd to go and ſit his new Landlady: So attiring mſelf in as fine Array as he could, tended by his ſham Servant, he ſets rward; and as he was walking, he ſtructs his Man *Tom* how to behave mſelf, charging him to be ſure ow to keep his Diſtance, and when-ver an Opportunity offer'd itſelf to ktol his Greatneſs: Being arriv'd at e Houſe, *Tom* is known by the andlady, who acquaints her, that as his Maſter; upon which they oth enter, where *Fuller* ſoon begins Diſcourſe to this Effect; Madam, e Account that I have heard of our great Civility, and the pleaſant ituation of your Houſe, has drawn e on this ſide the Water, to paſs oſe leiſure Hours I may have from e Affairs of State: The Landlady eſires his Honour will be pleas'd to alk up, and ſee the Apartment his ervant had pitch'd upon for him: e no ſooner enter'd the Room (but o keep to his old Cuſtom of finding ault with ſomething) he ſays, the

Ceiling was too low, the Furniture was good indeed, and ſince ſhe ſeem'd to be ſo diſcreet a Woman he would diſpence with that Fault ſo agreed for a Guinea a Week, and order'd it to be got ready againſt Night. *Fuller* gives *Tom* a Guinea with Orders to lay it out in ſuch Manner as he ſhould think beſt, and to have it in a readineſs at his uſual Supper Time: *Tom* does as he is order'd; and eight a Clock being come, the uſual Time the Eſquire us'd to Regal himſelf (according to his Inſtructions) he ſays before the old Gentlewoman, that the Reaſon of his Maſters tarrying is, as he ſuppoſes, occaſion'd by his being with the Secretary of State, diſpatching Buſineſs of Moment: And now I think on't Madam, continues he, 'tis Poſt Night; but I would not have you think my Maſter keeps ill Hours, for he is one of the moſt regular Men living: So *Tom* went on praiſing and belying his Maſter, till the Knave himſelf came to Act a more wickeder Part than the Servant had

ad done, whoſe entrance occaſion'd general Confuſion throughout the hole Family; every one being of-cious to wait on him: In ſhort, he's onducted to his own Apartment, here ſeeing the Cloath laid, and all hings to his Expectation, orders om to tell the Landlady he deſir'd er Company, whilſt he refreſh'd imſelf with a Bit of cold Fowl, and Glaſs of Wine, after a Fatigue of Buſineſs; during the repaſt, the Eſq; eads her into a careleſs Diſcourſe of er ſelf and Family; and by a kind f imperceptible inſinuating, whee-les things out of her in ambiguous Terms, till he underſtood her Hu-nours and Affairs, as well or better han herſelf; and finding her Diſ-courſe chiefly to center in the Pro-motion and Happineſs of her only Son, whoſe Education had been ſo hargeable to her, not in the leaſt queſtioning its turning to great Ad-vantage by his many Qualifications; ells her, he'll take an Opportunity t his next coming home, to ſift what Buſineſs he may chiefly covet,

or what he may be rather fit fo
ſuch and the like Diſcourſes finiſhe
this Evening: After paſſing awa
two or three Days, under the No
tion of his being gone to make a V
ſit ſome little way in the Countr
he returns at Night with an Accon
plice, whom he pretends he ha
brought home to Supper with hi
which being got ready, the Lan
lady is call'd up and made welcome
His Companion paſſes for ſome No
bleman, the better to carry on th
Intrigue without Suſpicion, and h
returns the Civility with the utmo
Reſpect; their Diſcourſe is turn'd o
State Affairs, and what Sport the
had in Hawking, Hunting, and o
ther ſuch gentle Recreations, whe
they went to viſit ſuch a Lord o
Knight at his Country Seat: Thi
put the finiſhing Stroak to the Foun
dation of the Deſign, for now wa
ſhe convinc'd he was a Perſon o
great Intereſt at Court, and that h
might be very Serviceable in th
Promotion of her Son; ſo takes Car
againſt his next coming home to pro-
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ide a handſome Entertainment for im; at which ſhe asks his Honour eave to permit her Son to be pre-ent, who readily conſented; now as the time to ſtart his Game, and un it down with all convenient peed, leaſt ſome unlucky Accident hould make him looſe it. After ome Diſcourſe, he mightily applau-ed her Sons Qualifications, inſmua-ing, how great Pity it was ſo pretty ngenious a young Gentleman tho-oughly accompliſh'd, ſhould have aid uſeleſs and idle ſo long: Upon which, the good Mother asks the Eſquire, whether by his Intereſt her on might poſſibly get ſome good rofitable Poſt; for, continues ſhe, I am willing to part with any Mo-ey in Reaſon, provided I might be ſo bleſt, as to ſee him once well ſet-led: Money (the Eſquires drift) be-ing mention'd, broke his Silence in the following Words. Good Madam, 'tis what indeed I have done for ſe-veral, but they have been Perſons very well recommended, and their Induſtry and doing well has been a

Credit to me, as will alſo (I queſtio
not) this young Gentleman you
Son: So adviſes her to let him be
Queens Waiter at the Cuſtom-houſe
and by the Patent that was give
him for the diſpoſal of ſuch Places
he could put him into the immediat
Poſſeſſion of it; the Son deſirous t
know what might be the Yearly In
come of ſuch an handſome Poſt, i
anſwer'd, about three hundred Pounds
and that Purchaſers commonly thin
their Money very well laid out
when they give nine hundred or a
thouſand Pounds for it. The indul
gent Mother willing to part with
what Money ſhe had to make he
Son happy, tells the Eſquire, ſhe
would make him a Preſent of two
hundred Pounds in caſe he would
ſettle him in the aforeſaid Poſt: No
Madam, replies the Eſquire, its not
the Money I value, but the Welfare
of your Self and Son, tho' I muſt
confeſs, it will coſt near that Sum
for Clerks Fees, *&c.* for paſſing the
Patent; but the Eſteem I have for ſo
kind a Mother as you are, obliges
me

me to make him promiſe (which muſt afterwards be confirm'd by Bond) *to allow you out of his Income fourſcore Pounds a Year during Life, for you know not what may happen, and it's good to be prepar'd againſt an Accident:* This gilded Pill ſhe greedily ſwallowing, ſteps to her Cabinet, and fetches two Bank Bills of one hundred Pounds each, for which he gives her his Note to pay back the Money, in caſe of Non-performance. Morning being come, off moves the Eſquire with his Equipage, and took Care to come there no more: But ſome time after, the Landlady meets the Man *Tom*, whom ſhe ſeiz'd, and ask'd where was his Maſter; the Equipage being thunder-ſtruck at ſo unwelcome a Sight, and confounded with Guilt, generouſly confeſs'd the whole Affair; and told her, *Fuller* as he uſually did, had bit him out of his Share, and had left him; but continued he, when Money grows low he'd be for finding me out for ſome freſh Enterprize but I am reſolv'd to waſh my Hands of him. The

good Woman taking *Tom* for a very poor Fellow, and believing him not to have partaken of the Spoil, which his ragged Garb declar'd; and *Tom* calling *Fuller* ten thouſand Scoundrels and Rogues, and entertaining the Landlady with a Relation of ſeveral of his Maſters Tricks and Rogueries, was diſmiſs'd. Theſe things coming to the Marſhals Ear, *Fuller* was call'd in and lock'd up.

The next that fell in his way was one *F——s C——e*, whom he ſoon wheedled to a diſcovery of himſelf and Relations; and finding his Father to be a Man of ſome Subſtance, and that there were Two Sons at home with him in the Country, after telling the Priſoner what Reſpect he had for him on account of his Name (for a particular Reaſon beſt known to himſelf) and giving him great Aſſurances that he would do ſomething that was Beneficial for him in a ſhort Time, he then begins to ſet his Witts to work how he might get ſome Money of them in the Country. Having by his uſual

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Snares and Deluſions intrapt C——e's Affections, he perſwaded him to ſend for his Two Brothers up to Town, promiſing to make an immediate Proviſion, by procuring ſome Place in the Cuſtom-houſe for them: C——e deſirous for the Advancement of his Family, by the firſt Poſt diſpatches a Letter acquainting his Father that inſtead of a Misfortune he expected to find by coming to a Priſon he had met with the reverſe: For (continues he) I have met with a Gentleman of Honour and Worth, and ſo writes an Encomium on *Fuller* dictated by the Rogue himſelf. The good old Man believing the Poſſibility of it, handſomely equipt his Two Sons, and to Town he ſends them; who after a great deal of Time and Money ſpent they return'd to their Father, acquainting him they had met with nothing but Delays and Excuſes; but there was ſome hopes ſtill of ſucceſs left, the certainty of which a little Time would produce. *Fuller* finding the Game ſlipt (like a ſtaunch'd Hound) ſticks cloſe to the Scent, and

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is resolv'd to recover it again; so sends about a Fortnight after the following Letter.

Mr. C———e,

Friday November 26. 1714.

"I am sorry and believe you will "have reason to be so too, that "your Two Sons did not stay till "the Deputation was finish'd; but "it is now ready only paying some "Money for Clerks Fees for pas- "sing them: I am certain you can- "not expect me to pay that; I have "freely and generously given them "a handsome and profitable Post, "and it is my Souls Desire they "should thrive in it, but you can- "not expect I should be any thing "out of Pocket thereby, therefore "pray send them up with Twenty "Pounds for paying of Clerks Fees; "or if perhaps you may not care "to send it by them, send it me "by a Bill, and I solemnly protest "it shall be put to the use before- "mention'd;

" mention'd: Your Sons verily know
" that the Duke of *Shrewsbury*'s Gen-
" tleman for his Service and Trou-
" ble expects a pair of Gloves; com-
" mitting you and Family to the
" Divine Protection.

I am truly

your Friend,

William Fuller.

The Hopes that were left this Letter reviv'd: And the good old Man ſollicitous for the Good of his Family, and Welfare of his Children, readily condeſcends to part with the Money; and once more diſpatches them to Town. It hapned in the interim that C——e had obtain'd the Liberty of the Rules, and falling into Company was by ſeveral inform'd of *Fuller*'s Villany; and that his ſole Study and Practice was to cheat People out

out of their Money, under a pretence of helping them to Places: This Character juſtly incens'd C—— *e*, out of whom he had got Fifty Shillings or Three Pounds on the ſame Score. The Two Strangers arrived in Town about Noon, and found their Brother loitering about the Priſon Door. The Brethren with joyful Countenances telling what they came about ſtirr'd up his Indignation, and inſtead of ſuffering them to go into the Bench to *Fuller* he carried them to a Houſe hard by; where after telling them what Diſcoveries he had made in their Abſence, ſends for ſeveral ſubſtantial People in the Neighbourhood, who all gave *Fuller* the Character he juſtly deſerv'd: This Second Diſappointment at firſt changed the Countenances of the Two Itinerants, but then ſeriouſly weighing his firſt Uſage of them, and the Account their Brother and the reſt gave them of him, immediately concluded him an Impoſtor; and kindly thank'd Heaven for ſo timely a Diſcovery.

covery. Next Morning they return'd Home with unexpected haſte, and mightily ſurpris'd the Parent big with the hopes of their being tranſlated from Farmers to Gentlemen: But their good luck in eſcaping the Charges they had been at. *Fuller* in the mean time is inform'd his Chaps had been in Town, and that *C——e* had intercepted them, and fear'd the giving him the Name, he knew he Shark that had devour'd ſo many was not a little applauded; and they bringing the Money (*Fuller*'s aim) back, did ſufficiently ſerve to countervail the Trouble and travelling deſerv'd, would prevent their falling into his Clutches; therefore as well to keep angling with them as to be reveng'd on *C——e* he writes the following Words.

Mr. *C——e*,

Tueſday December 28. 1714.

"I Am inform'd and believe it may "be true, that *F——s C——e* comes "for *Reading* to Morrow Morning, "but

" but does it upon ſome unkind De
" ſign to you and his Family: Na
" he Swore to me juſt now he woul
" have you in a Goal: He ſai
" he would diſguiſe himſelf and ſe
" none of his Family, altho' I begg'
" and pray'd of him to ſee you and
" his Wife, but he ſeems to ſtand re
" ſolv'd on Miſchief; and ſaid he
" would conceal himſelf ſome how
" to Morrow Night (being *Wedneſ-*
" *day.*) The Deputation I promis'd
" you is in my Pocket, and if you
" will ſend your Kinſman in *Biſhop-*
" *gate-ſtreet* or *Long-lane*, I will de-
" liver it to them, and they may
" ſend it you: My Deputy being
" ſettled this Day at the *Cuſtom-houſe*,
" and Mr. G——s to be Sworn on
" *Wedneſday* next: Your Son F——s
" is not a Priſoner in the Bench but
" lives in the Rules, as if he were
" with his new Wife; for which
" cauſe I have not delivered him the
" Deputation: I hope we may re-
" form him, and make him with his
" Family very happy; it's my Souls

" deſire;

" desire: Pray take care and withal
" give me a speedy Answer;

I am your

true Friend,

William Fuller.

" My Service to your two hopeful
" Sons; it is a Cheat of the Law;
" and the Marshal of the *King's-Bench*
" dares not own him, if strictly
" challeng'd for a Prisoner: His
" Whore is very audacious and im-
" pudent, and her Bastards call him
" Father, and he verily owns them
" his Children.

This Letter stuff'd with Nonsence, had not the designed, but the quite contrary effect: For it made *F——s* clear in the opinion of the old Man, who at first thought it might have been a contrivance of his to get a little Money; and instead of alienating the Father's Affections from his Son (one of the main Designs

ſigns aim'd at in the Letter) it the more indeared him; and as a Token of his paternal Love for the timely Diſcovery, ſent him up a new Suit of Cloaths, and in the Breeches Pockets a ſmall matter of Money wrapt up in *Fuller*'s Two Letters; which he after peruſing, and finding the Contents ſo notoriouſly Wicked, brings it into the Bench, and upbraids *Fuller* with his Roguery: Which he (after his uſual manner) with whole Vollies of Proteſtations denying; C--e goes into the publick Yard belonging to the Priſon, and there read the foregoing Letters; telling the Priſoners on what Account they were ſent; and thereupon (but to little purpoſe) ſeverely reprov'd him. This Indignity he look'd upon as unpardonable; and nothing but the Life of C —— *e* can make an Attonement; and in the following manner he had like to have perpetrated his wicked Reſolution: After ſeveral Interviews he perſwades C ——— *e* to forgive him, proteſting he forgive what ever was, or had been amiſs, and deſir'd

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to live in good Friendſhip with him; aſſuring him, that a ſhort time would ſhew the Malice of thoſe that had given that baſe Information againſt him; and perſwades C——e to accept of a Collation with him at a Houſe appointed in the Mint: And having by his repeated troubleſome Letters obtained leave of the Marſhall for a Days Liberty, he pretended to the Turnkey he had ſome Gentlemen of Rank to meet, and begs the Favour of him to lend him a Sword: Being thus furniſh'd, away he goes to execute his premeditated wicked and villainous Deſign. Finding C——e there according to his appointment, he expreſs'd abundance of Satisfaction, and nothing that the Houſe could afford was wanting to make him ſeemingly welcome: But little did the Gueſt think his Entertainer had meaſur'd his Time; and came with the intent to make the Period of his Days pay the reckoning; for watching an Opportunity, and ſuddenly drawing his Sword, he run in upon the naked Man, and gave him

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two desperate Wounds, saying, you Rogue I have punished you for your cackling; an outcry of Murther was soon made; and upon Peoples entring the Room, the Sword was secur'd; and the Rogue confounded with his own Guilt stood like one turn'd into Stone: After escaping the Fury of the Mob (who being highly enrag'd, would have served him had they not been prevented by the Marshalls Officers, as in that Place they do Bayliffs.) But let us follow him to his *Asylum* the *Bench*, where by the Marshalls order he was close lock'd up; and when the Surgeon declar'd he was doubtful of the Mans Life, he grew perfectly Frantick; and being possess'd with all the Terrors of a guilty Conscience, and raving like a Madman, he before-hand declared (what will one time or other happen to him) he would be hang'd; and wisely renounc'd the Clemency of the King and Parliament, well knowing how little Favour he had to expect from them.

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By theſe and many ſuch villanous Practices he maintain'd himſelf in Priſon, from the Year 1702. till 1716. and then got the Liberty of living in the Rules, and being not content with playing his old Tricks on his fellow Priſoners at large, he makes bold to break through his Bounds, and took up his Quarters at the *Black Raven* at *Wondſor*, and paſſed there for a Perſon of no ſmall Fortune, pretending he had a Place at Court, and choſe *Wondſor* to be in for the Air, and the Conveniency of going by Water, when his Occaſions called him to attend at St. *James's*. He begins now to imitate his former Vanity, and has his Footman to wait on him, talks very great before the Man and Woman of the Houſe, how free he was with the King, and that he would grant him any Requeſt he aſked of him; the good People of the Houſe believed all he ſaid; he Eat and Drank of the beſt Day after Day, without any Bill yet brought him; till he finding Things were By[illegible]pe for Action, and that they had ſwal-

ſwallow'd the Bait he had laid, he open'd his Mind to his Landlord: told him for a ſmall Matter he could get him a Place at Court for his Life; that ſhould be worth above one hundred Pounds a Year; and ſince he had met with ſuch civil Treatment, and that he had not yet troubled the King to provide for any of his Friends he wou'd uſe his Intereſt for him, and did not doubt of Succeſs: The good Man overjoy'd return'd him abundance of Thanks, and *Fuller* the next Day went to *London*, in order, as he pretended to have it done out of hand: And returning at Night aſſured the Man of the Houſe the King had granted his Requeſt, and he would ſoon be eſtabliſh'd; he held the Landlord up with theſe Hopes till (beſides his Bill for himſelf and Man) he had got near Fifty Pounds in Money from him; when Fortune favoured the honeſt Man of the Houſe by bringing a Perſon accidentally there who knew *Fuller*. (*viz.* Mr *Daintry*, at whoſe Father's Houſe he lodged at *Temple-Bar*, as before related

lated) *Fuller* seeing him come in to the publick Kitchin, presently call'd him to mind, and went to another Room, and sent his Man in there to hear whither that Guest that was come, should say any thing to his Disadvantage.

It prov'd as he expected, for he was no sooner out of the Kitchin, but *Daintry* asked the Landlord if he knew that Person that went out; the Landlord told him he did, *That he was a worthy Gentleman, had a Place and very great Interest at Court, and had lodged there some Weeks, and pointing to the Footman, told him, that was his Servant,* Mr. *Daintry* could not keep from laughing when the Landlord so innocently related the Character, and plainly told him, *that if the Man was no better than the Master, he deserved to be hang'd. For him he took to be a Courtier was* Fuller *the greatest Villain on Earth, and voted by the House of Commons an Impostor, he cheated my Father out of a considerable Sum, and will you if you have not more, and all that he has to do with:*

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And his Man may go tell him I ſay ſo, and let him if he can diſprove it. This puſh'd ſo very home, at firſt put the Landlord in ſome Surprize; but *Fuller* had ſo wheedled him into a Belief that he was really the Perſon he pretended to be, that the honeſt Man would not believe what *Daintry* repreſented him; but told him, he was certainly miſtaken in the Perſon. The Footman ſoon acquainted his Maſter with what was ſaid of him; but *Fuller* would not appear till the other was gone, and impudently brazen'd it out, ſaying, *He would not come into a Fellow that was certainly Mad, that he had no Knowledge of him, nor never heard of the Name in his Life.* This ſatisfied the Landlord, and he was contented till the next Day when he found the ſham Courtier and Man had mov'd off what things they had there, and convinced him what Mr. *Daintry* ſaid was true.

Among the many Perſons taken in by this Villain, one Mr. *Hancock* of *Wandſworth* in *Surrey* was alſo cheated of 100 *l.* with Promiſes of being

being help'd into ſome extraordinary Place in the Government; and at laſt, preſſing him either for the Money or the Place, *Fuller* drew the following Note on Mr. Secretary *Stanhope*.

To the Right Honourable James Stanhope *Eſq; Chancellor of his Majeſty's Exchequer*, Tueſday May 14. 1717.

Honoured Sir,

"AS I had not Money to pay "the full Fees to take out "your Lordſhip's Warrant for my "whole Sum, I humbly make uſe "of the favourable Honour you "have done me, and according to "your Directions, I this Day being "*Tueſday* as above written appointed "Mr. *Robert Hancock* to receive of "your Honour or by your Order on "Sight hereof, the Sum of three "hundred Pounds for my uſe, and "Mr. *Hancocks* Receipt ſhall be a

" ſufficient Diſcharge in the *Exche-*
" *quer* for,

Sir,

Your Honours

moſt humble and

obedient Servant.

William Fuller.

He pretended to help Mr. *Hazard* a Lighter-man at *Horſley-Down*, Mr. *Charles Wynn* an Oar-maker at *Still-Stairs*, and Mr. *Thomas Heſcoat* a Victualler at the ſame Place, all whom *Fuller* was to get into the *Cuſtoms* as Landwaiters, or otherwiſe: And for which Purpoſe he got 64 *l.* out of thoſe three, and Mr. *White* an eminent Timber Merchant at *Horſley-Down* he bilk'd of near 40 *l.* whom he was to help to a conſiderable Poſt in the *Tower*; one *Gilbert* a Ship-Wright in *Rotherhith* was with many others cheated of ſeveral Sums of Money, who

who were all by *Fuller*'s Means and Intereſt to be tranſlated from *Mechanicks* to *Gentlemen*.

Having made a handſome Collection and Progreſs in thoſe Parts, he took Lodgings near *Coleman-ſtreet*, and got acquainted with one *H———n* who keeps the *Swan-Ale Houſe* there, to whom he altered his Note of Lieutenant Governour of the *Tower*, and paſs'd for a Gentleman of a conſiderable Poſt in the Treaſury, *H———n* being weary of the *blue* Flag, and willing for an Employ in the Government, depoſited a handſome Sum to *Fuller*. *Fuller* to confirm the Credulity of his Clients had conſtantly *Footmen*, *Porters* and *Letters* (all of his ſending) coming to his Lodgings. One *Jones* a Victualler at the *Griffin* in *Grub-ſtreet* was likewiſe bilked of a conſiderable Sum, and *Henry Parry* at the *Tilt-Yard* Coffee-houſe of 40 *l.* which *Fuller* having received Information ſome Friend in the Country had been ſo kind to die and leave him, and now had nothing elſe to do than to ſtrike up an Acquaintance

with the Lad, which was no sooner done but an Attack was made upon *Harry*'s Pocket, which making but a slender Resistance, the Breach was soon made Practicable. Thus *Harry* with fine Words and fair Promises being lifted above the Elements of *Coffee* and *Tea*, and nothing less than a Land-Waiters Place at the *Custom-house* was design'd for him, he began now to talk in another Dialect (than before) to his Fellow Servants, whom he counted no better than servile Slaves, and pitied their Misfortunes, since his own Affairs are now about to move in another Sphere. But *Harry* tho' not cut out for a Philosopher, had that cunning as to lend or give his Money gradually, which put *Fuller* to the trouble of writing a great many Letters, some of which take from the original Copies.

To Henry Parry *at the* Tilt-Yard *Coffee-house.*

Mr. *Parry,*

March 23. 1616-7.

I Have got my Bills and Orders accepted, and they will be paid on *Tuesday* next, when I will return your Money with a grateful Present, I have very urgent Occasions for two Guineas more which I desire you to send by the Bearer Mr. *Phillipson*: I have sent you my Note for it, and the last Guinea I had of you, I am your most faithful Friend to serve you,

William Fuller.

I will see you this Night or to morrow morning.

Dear Harry,

April 13. 1717.

" MY Sister, the Lady *Arundel*
" of *Wardour*, has ordered Mo-
" ney to pay whatever I own myself
" indebted, I have sent you a fresh
" Note to be added to the former, and
" I desire you to make up a settled
" Account with the Bearer for I must
" give an exact Account to her La-
" dyship to morrow or a Monday
" morning, the Money being ready
" to discharge every particular and
" will be paid when and where I di-
" rect, and for your Credit I now
" think to have it done at your House
" a *Monday* in the Afternoon or *Tues-*
" *day* Morning, for as you have obli-
" ged me and saved my Credit, I
" solemnly swear will be, whilst I live,
" dear *Harry* your most faithful and
" entire Friend to serve you,

William Fulher

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Dear Harry.

April 16. 1717.

" I Have now accompliſh'd every
" thing ſo far that this very Night
" I ſhall anſwer every thing I pro-
" miſed I have been at great Expen-
" ces, and you ſhall and will have
" the Credit and Intereſt of being
" my preſent only Friend that ſerves
" me and as you have been ſo ex-
" treamly Civil to me dear Friend
" let me earneſtly deſire you to give
" the finiſhing Stroak in ſending fifty
" Shillings by the Bearer, for I want
" that Sum to make up what I muſt
" pay away this Day, between one
" at Noon and eight at Night; o-
" therwiſe it will be a great Trou-
" ble and Damage to me and I muſt
" diſcover things to my Siſter which
" will be to my great Damage. If
" you can anſwer me, I ſhall be
" with you, and anſwer every thing
" this Day; and, by God's Bleſſing
make

make you happy with my self,

I am truly

your Friend.

William Fuller.

Sat. May 18. 1717. 4 *in the Afternoon.*

" HAD you, dear *Harry*, inge-
" niously told me, that you
" would not serve me I would have
" made a Provision altho' contrary
" to my Inclination. It is strange
" you should give me such a disap-
" pointment, now I have prepared
" every thing for your future Good
" and present Satisfaction, on which
" my Honour depends. I had a
" Friend or two in Town last Night
" and this Morning, who would
" have served me; but it being *Sa-*
" *turday* they are to go to their Coun-
" try Houses. I am so unhappy as
" to send to my Friends in the Coun-
" try to meet me with Horses on
" the Road to morrow and my Te-
" nants, and others concerned, to be

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" in readineſs to anſwer my De-
" mands a *Monday* that I might re-
" turn with ſpeed; the Bearer thinks
" you uſe him like a Porter and me
" not like what I am, a true and ſin-
" cere Friend. If you anſwer my
" Requeſt, and your Promiſe, I
" ſhall be gone this Night or to
" Morrow early; otherwiſe I muſt
" ſtay my Friends return: However
" it be I will be juſt to you and all
" my Promiſes very ſpeedily, and
" for ever yours, *&c.*

At the Seſſions held at the Old-Baily, 11, 12, *and* 13 *of* September, 1717.

William Fuller, commonly known by the Name of Evidence *Fuller*, or as he had ſtiled himſelf Colonel *Fuller*, was indicted for a Miſdemeanor in cheating *Richard Jones* of 18*l.* 5*s.* the Proſecutor depos'd, that the Priſoner pretended to him he was Lieutenant Governour of the *Tower*, and Warden of the Mint;

Mint; he using to frequent the House of a Woman that was his Neighbour took Acquaintance with him, asking him how Trade went, and what he made by his Business, telling him, he appear'd to be an honest industrious Man, he had a Mind to be kind to him, and would help him to a Storekeepers Place in the *Tower*, which would be worth 60 *l.* a Year for Life, but that he must furnish him for Money for taking out a Deputation, and such incident Charges, that he thereupon being elevated at the Hopes of his Preferment, let him have Money in order thereto, that the Prisoner often came and sent for more Money, pretending that he met sometimes with one Obstacle, and sometimes another; but a little more Money would remove all, and he would be put into Possession of his Office, but at last perceiv'd he had been trick'd out of his Money. The Prisoner denied the Fact, saying, he never made any such

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Pretences; that the Profecutor had lent him the Money, and that he never had any Money from him but what he took Notes of his Hand for the Payment of. The Profecutor reply'd to this, that he never took any Note of him for his Money, but only that the Priſoner had put a Note into his Hands to go and receive 5 *l.* for him of a Hoyman, but would never let him go to receive the Money upon the Note; and that he had alſo given him a Note to go to his Siſters Steward and receive of him 151 *l.* but could never hear of any ſuch Perſon.

It appear'd that the Fact was committed before the Act of Grace, and ſo the Priſoner was entitled to a Pardon but upon this Condition, that the Proſecution being begun before the Act commenced, he was obliged to pay the Proſecutor his Charges, which was about 50 *s.* to which he reply'd, *No not a crooked Pin.* The Court asked the Proſecutor how he could ſuffer himſelf

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to be ſo impoſed upon from time to time by him, he reply'd, *becauſe he thought himſelf bewitch'd.* The Fact being plain, the Jury found him Guilty of the Indictment.

He was likewiſe a ſecond Time indicted for a Miſdemeanor in cheating *Henry Parry* of 40 *l.* The Proſecutor depoſed, the Priſoner uſing to come to the *Tilt-Yard* Coffee-houſe where he lived, took the Opportunity to tell him he was a pretty Fellow, and it was pity he ſhould ſpend his Time in filling out Diſhes of Coffee, *&c.* and that he took ſuch liking to him, that he would prefer him, telling him, he had a great Place in the Treaſury, and was a Commiſſioner of the Cuſtoms, and would put him into a Land-waiters Place, and wheedled him under this Expectation out of Money at various Times to the Sum of 40 *l.* making the ſame Excuſes as he had done to the other Perſon for the deferring his being put into Place, one Time it could not be till Term, and then

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he ſhould be ſworn in the Treaſury, and another Time another Hindrance, and that he told him, he ſhould go with him down to his Eſtate in *Kent*, where he was to receive 1800 *l.* and this was within the Limits of the Act of Grace as well as the other, but he could not comply with the Conditions of the Act by paying the Proſecutor his Coſts as before, and ſo the Tryal went on. The Priſoner as before denied his Pretences, and ſaid it was Money lent, and what he would pay whenever he retrieved his Misfortunes, he ſaid likewiſe it was a Debt, in that he had given him Notes of his Hand for it, the Proſecutor own'd he had a Note of 20 *l.* and that he gave him a Bill to receive 150 *l.* of his Sifters Steward (*in nubibus*) as he had done the other Proſecutor. The Priſoner alledged he had unkind Uſage, in that the Proſecutors had contriv'd to defer the Tryal to this Time, when thoſe Perſons who would have ſpoke in his Favour were out

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of Town, and being asked who they were, he anſwer'd the Lord *Townſend*, Mr. *Walpole*, and ſome other great Men. The Court told him, that was a very pernicious Contrivance indeed, if it were ſo: But however, ſince theſe great Men did not appear in his behalf, deſired him if he had any Perſons of leſs Figure to ſpeak to his Reputation, callenging the whole Court which was very full, but none appearing, the Jury found him Guilty.

The Sentence he receved was to have two Years Impriſonment in *Newgate*, and to pay 50*l.* Fine.

This notorious Cheat is ſtill in *Newgate* on the common Side; where in all Probability, as a juſt Reward for his unparrell'd Villainies, he will end his miſerable Days.

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